NOUAKCHOTT (R) — Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, chairman of the Organisation of African Unity, flew to Nouakchott Friday for talks on the Western Sahara conflict with Mauritanian President Maaouya Ould Sid'ahmad Taya, Nouakchott Radio reported. He made no statement on arrival in the Mauritanian capital from the Algerian border town of Tindouf, the main rear base of Polisario guerrillas who have been fighting Morocco for independence for the desert territory. Official sources said Kaunda was expected to leave Mauritania; which once ruled part of the disputed territory, after a visit lasting a few hours. He had talks in Tindouf with Polisario leaders after conferring with Morocco's King Hassan and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid as part of efforts to arrange a ceasefire and a referendum in the Western Sahara. He also conferred with AJ.N. Secretary-General Javier Percz de Cuellar on the subject in Brussels last week. In 1979, Spain ceded the Western Sahara to Mauritania and Morocco. When Mauritania withdrew, Morocco took over its part of the territory as well.

Mubarak leaves after

talks on peace efforts

home Friday after a two-day visit security," the cable said.

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President Hosni Mubarak left for world may live in stability and

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visit by his wife Suzanne and a

high-ranking delegation compris-

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Middle East problem so that the

Rifai and senior officials.

Jordan praises Guatemala's stands

GUATEMALA (Petra) — The head of Jordan's parliamentary delegation of meetings of the International Parliamentary Union (IPU) here expressed thanks and appreciation Thursday to Guatemala's president and vicepresident for their stand on Arab issues. During a reception held by me Arab club in Guatemala in honour of the Arab delegation participating in the IPU meeting, Dr. Hazem Nuseibeh spoke about the uprising in the Israelioccupied territories as well as the prevailing situation in the Arab World. Attending the reception was Guatemala's vice-president and other high government and parliamentary officials as well as the IPU president.

Jail term reduced for bazooka attacker

ROME (R) — An Italian appeal court Friday cut from 15 to eight years the jail sentence of an Arab convicted of a 1985 bazooka attack on Jordan's embassy in Rome. The court dismissed an earlier charge of attempted massacre against Hussein Shehaden Salkem Al Nawaj'h, 23 but said he remained guilty of illegal possession of arms and of criminal damage. No one was injured in the attack in which a bazooka shell was fired into the grounds of the Jordanian embassy. The shell narrowly missed the embassy offices on the fifth floor of the building but damaged a fourth floor apartment.

Syrian oil minister visits Tehran

NICOSIA (R) — Syrian Oil and Mineral Resources Minister Mtanios Habib arrived in Tehran Friday for economic talks, the Iranian news agency (IRNA) reported. Iran has been supplying Syria one million tonnes of free crude oil a year since Damascus shut off Iraq's oil exports through a pipeline across Syria to the Mediterranean in 1982. Iran also sold Syria oil at a discount for several years, but Damascus fell behind in payments. IRNA said last December Syria owed Iran \$1.2 billion for overdue oil fees.

U.S. Senate may delay INF pact ratification

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate leaders say the chamber is in no hurry to vote on the U.S.-Soviet treaty eliminating medium-range atomic weapons, raising the possibility the pact may not be ratified before the superpower summit in Moscow. "I'm not driven by a calendar deadline. I want first. last and always to have a good treaty," Senate majority leader Robert Byrd told reporters Thursday.

Athens criticises U.S. over bases talks

ATHENS (AP) - The government Friday blamed the United States for lack of progress in negotiations for a new U.S. bases agreement to replace an accord that expires in December. "There has been no particular progress as the American side does not seem disposed to accept certain principles in relation to the Cyprus problem and Greek-Turkish relations." government spokesman Yiannis Roubatis told a news briefing.

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Beefed Israeli

presence fails to curb protests

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) Palestinian demonstrators continued antioccupation protests Friday despite a beefedup Israeli army presence in key towns and around mosques in the occupied West Bank and Gaza and at least six Palestinians were shot and wounded by Israeli soldiers.

A group of Israeli settlers, heavily guarded by troops, hiked near where a 15-year-old Israeli girl was killed last week to show that Jews could walk freely in the occupied West Bank.

Israeli soldiers surrounded mosques in the West Bank cities of Hebron and Qalqilya and imposed a curfew in the downtown area of Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip to prevent demonstrators, reports said.

Violence after Friday prayers has become commonplace since the uprising began in the West Bank and Gaza 18 weeks ago. According to U.N. figures, 146 Palestinians have died in the uprising. Two Israelis have also

been killed.

Troops and Palestinians clashed at several mosques in Gaza and two Palestinians from the area were reported wounded.

Officials at Shifa hospital in Gaza City said troops shot a 13-year-old boy from nearby Beit Hanoun in the stomach. He was listed in critical condition.

In Jabaliya, an 18-year-old also was shot in the leg, the officials

Protesters hurled stones and empty bottles at soldiers in Ramallah and Al Bireh following Friday prayers. Four Palestinians were wound-

ed by army gunfire in Daharriyeh (Continued on page 5)

U.S. vetoes U.N. censure of Israel

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) - The United States vetoed Friday a resolution in the Security Council to censure Israel for its oppressive response to the Palestinian uprising in the West

Bank and Gaza. The resolution would have urged Israel to halt expulsion of Palestinians from the occupied territories and called for a U.N.sponsored settlement of the Middle East problem.

The vote was 14-1. U.S. Ambassador Herbert Okun contended that the resolution's "broad and sweeping condemnation of Israel contains not

a scintilla of balance." It was the fifth time since December the council had considered the Middle East situation.

The meeting was prompted by Israel's expulsion of eight Palestinians Monday and expulsion orders for 12 others. The draft resolution, originally

toughly worded, had been watered down in an effort to avert a veto by the United States, which usually kills resolutions critical of The original resolution had de-

manded a halt to expulsions and the withdrawal of expulsion orders which, it said, violated the Geneva conventions on treatment of civilians by occupying powers. The final draft used the word "urge," instead.

It also condemned Israeli policies and practices that violate the human rights of Palestinian people, particularly the killing and wounding of defenceless Palesti-

All speakers at the Security less Palestinian civilians."

Jordan

Occupied Territories Affairs Minister Marwan Dudin told Reuters the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories could not be countered by "such violent behaviour.

"Rather than achieving peace, such acts will contribute to more violence and counter-violence. which the Israeli occupation authorities should be held responsible for," Dudin said.

"We consider these expulsions as an integral part of a whole bundle of Israeli measures that violate all human rights," Dudin

Council meeting, which began Thursday, denounced Israel for the expulsions.

condemns expulsions

AMMAN (R) - Jordan condemned Israel Thursday for its continued expulsion of Palestinians despite international protests.

Algeria, Argentina, Nepal, Senegal, Yugoslavia and Zambia sponsored the latest proposal. It would have the council condemn "those policies and practices of Israel, the occupying power, which violate the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, and in particular the opening of fire by the Israeli army, resulting in the killing and wounding of defence-



Colourful extravaganza marks King's coronation anniversary

By Sa'd G. Hattar and Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporters

AMMAN — The skies over Amman were a blur of rainbow colours and the air reverberated to evening and left after talks with euphonic music Friday as over 5,000 members of the Armed Forces and security services staged an impressive military parade to mark the 35th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's coronation. Every wing of the Armed

Forces and security units took part in the extravaganza staged over Marka airport Friday morning. The three-hour show was broadcast live on Jordan Televi-

Among the dignitaries attending the parade were Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his wife Suzanne, Their Royal Highnesses Crown

Prince Hassan and Princess Sar- vehicles, infantry and tanks vath. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and senior Jordanian officials as well as members of the Egyptian delegation accompanying Mubarak, who arrived here Thursday the King later Friday.

Officers and soldiers representing the Armed Forces' ground, air and naval wings, the Special Forces Corps, the Public Security Department, the Civil Defence Department and the Peoples Army took part in the parade. One of the highlights of the

celebrations was a reenactment of the Karameh Battle, Whirlwinds turned the field into a brownish hue as jet fighters and interceptors zoomed low over the field battle while land forces engaged

Semi-armoured and armoured

surged into the field with firearms and indirect bombing, all against the backdrop of a decorated wal depicting archaeological sites in the Kingdom and Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. Earlier, 1600 highly-skilled

troops staged a colourful show of physical fitness and marched to form the Hashemite Crown against a backdrop of local and international music played by the Armed Forces band. Flocks of mounted Arabian

horses and camels then galloped into the field reenacting a scene from the Great Arab Revolt, which was launched in 1916 by His Majesty's Great grandfather, Sharif Hussein Ibn Ali.

Squadrons of air force jet fightin a simulated military confronta- ers zoomed high and made an tion, supported by freefall para- air-borne formation of the numchuting behind the "enemy's ber "35," the years since the King

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Hijack negotiations make little headway; hostages air appeal

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Two hostages aboard the hijacked jet at Algiers airport broadcast messages Friday saying they would be killed if the Kuwaiti government did not bend to the demands of the gunmen.

The estimated 31 passengers were reported being held in grim conditions, all handcuffed and forced to remain silent. There also are believed to be four crew members on the plane.

The two recorded messages, almost identical in wording, were radioed to the control tower at Houari Boumedienne airport. "In the name of God the Merciful, I greet my family and

my friends and I ask the Kuwaiti authorities to free the 17 prisoners held in Kuwaiti prisons," said Suleiman Mohammad Suleiman Al Mashari. "In the event of refusal, they are going to kill us." In a second message, a man identifying himself as Moham-

mad Ahmad Al Ajem said: "I am one of the hostages from the Boeing. I greet my family, large and small and I ask the Kuwaiti authorities to free the prisoners held in the prisons. Without that, the kidnappers have decided to

Mashari's message was delivered in such a trembling voice that it had to be repeated from the plane to the tower. Kuwait earlier on Friday reiter-

ated its refusal to deal with the hijackers, believed to number "Kuwait will stick to its princi-

pled position strongly refusing to deal with terrorism and blackmail," the Kuwaiti News Agency (KUNA) quoted a Kuwaiti official as saying.

The Algerian news agency APS said an Algerian mediator had boarded the Jumbo jet after the pleas from the two hostages were read out.

It was the third negotiating trip to the plane of the day. The hijackers freed an elderly sick Kuwaiti hostage late Thurs-

day, raising hopes for an early release for the estimated 31 captives still aboard the blue-andwhite jet. But optimism was dashed when

the hijackers, said by a security source in Beirut to be pro-Iranian radicals, made it clear the diabetic Kuwaiti had been let go for humanitarian reasons and their demands had not changed.

The hijackers, who seized the plane on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait, told the control tower in a statement: "We are not going back on our demands, even if the cost is very high."

There appeared to be a standoff between the hijackers and the Algerian negotiators, who have long experience in crisis

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U.N. issues Afghan appeal after signing of accords

United Nations launched a worldwide appeal Friday for hundreds of millions of dollars of aid it said would be needed to help some five million refugees back into war-torn Afghanistan.

U.N. High Commissioner for next 12 months. Refugees Jean-Pierre Hocke, talking to reporters the day after the signing here of an Afghan agreement intended to facilitate the refugees' return, said the problem would be massive.

providing for a Soviet troop withdrawal, commits Afghanistan to allow all refugees in Pakistan to return home if they wish and to where they wish.

About 5.4 million Afghans, about one-third of the population, have fled to Pakistan and Iran from the nine-year-old civil war. Official estimates put the number in Pakistan alone at 3.1 million. Hocke said he was consulting

other agencies and governments

GENEVA (Agencies) — The and hoped to present potential donor governments with a detailed plan of action in the next 10

If there was a mass return of

refugees, hundreds of millions of dollars would be needed in the Hocke appealed to the signatories of the settlement - Afgha-

nistan, Pakistan, the Soviet Union and the United States — to facilitate the execution of these accords "and above all to guaran-The agreement, in addition to tee the conditions according to which the refugees will choose to return home freely."

Despite the agreement, the rebels who have been fighting the Afghan and Soviet forces insist they will continue the war and Hocke said it was impossible to ascertain how many refugees would choose to return now.

Hocke said many nations had promised aid. Britain had said it was willing to give £10 million (\$18,8 million) initially. The

thanks King

AMMAN (J.T.) — Pakistan has thanked His Majesty King Hussein for helping pave the way for the U.N.-sponsored Afghan peace agreement signed Thursday. Hours after the agreement was

signed in Geneva, the King received a message from Pakistani Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo expressing his country's appreciation of Jordan's efforts which contributed to the signing of the Geneva agreement, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, re-

Swiss official said he did not think money will be a problem.

Peace prospects grim Meanwhile, prospects for gain-

ing peace soon in Afghanistan remained grim despite the signing of accords Thursday.

Afghanistan, Pakistan, the through the Mujahedeen trying Soviet Union and the United States signed the agreements during a brief ceremony in Geneva's United Nations building. "History has been made to-

day," U.S. secretary of State George Shultz said at a news conference following the signing of the accords, which go into effect May 15. He said the removal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan would remove the cause of the "brutal war."

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told a separate news conference that the agreements "put an end to outside interference in Afghanistan's affairs and make it possible for the Afghan people to establish peace and harmony in their

But others disagreed. In Islamabad, Pakistani Presi-

dent Zia Ul Haq said: "I see

trouble and turmoil in Afghanis-

tan through the insurgency,

to achieve thier objective to over

their own authority."

life," he said.

to survive.

throw this regime and establish

"That will mean more loss of

Zia said the Soviet pullout

would make it more difficult for

the current Afghan government

The guerrillas' seven-party

alliance has rejected the Geneva

accords and vowed to fight to

parties authorised U.N. mediator

Diego Cordovez to read a state-

comprehensive Afghan settle-

ment could "best be ensured by a

broad-based Afghan govern-

ment." (see page 8)

topple the Kabul government.

strike call was only partially observed Friday, reflecting some workers' objection to the size of raises sought while the chaosridden nation continues to face a severe economic crisis.

of both Muslim and Christian areas were closed in response to the strike call issued Thursday by the General Confederation of Labour Unions (GCLU), which is demanding a 300 per cent raise.

taurants, movie theatres, gas stations and other businesses closed in Beirut's western and eastern sectors as well as in other major cities and towns, a police statement said.

businesses maintained normal activity in clear defiance of the 300,000-strong GCLU's call, the statement said. The GCLU called for the two-

The question of Afghanistan's future government is not covered in the agreement. But the four increase in private- and publicsector wages announced by acting ment last week saying that a Prime Minister Salim Hoss.

"Some employers are clearly defying the GCLU's decision. They called their employees to work, and strangely these em-

Earlier, Petra reported that the to Jordan during which he held talks with His Majesty King Hus- talks that King Hussein and sein on Middle East peace efforts Mubarak held Thursday, shortly and attended a military parade in after the president's arrival, dealt Amman marking the 35th with the current affairs in the

anniversary of the coronation of region and the 16-week-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-Their Majesties King Hussein occupied West Bank and Gaza as well as efforts for peace in the Petra said the King briefed the Egyptian leader on Prime Minister Rifai's talks with Soviet offi-

cial in early February, which re-

flected "Moscow's positive stand dent were several members of the and their understanding to the royal family, Prime Minister Zaid needs of a just and comprehen-The Egyptian delegation in- sive peace in the region. The King and Mubarak shared cluded Deputy Prime Minister identical views on holding an Esmat Abdul Meguid and the

international peace conference ministers of transport and inon the Middle East, Petra said. "An international peace con-- "As I leave this brotherly counference with the participation of try Jordan at the end of a working the five permanent U.N. Security visit during which I met with you, it gives me pleasure to send Your Council members and all parties to the conflict including the Pales-Majesty and officials the warmest tine Liberation Organisation is feelings of gratitude for the hospithe only means to achieve just tality with which you have welpeace in the region." Petra comed us," Petra quoted the

quoted the two sides as saying. cable as saying. The two leaders also discussed "I am sure that the talks which various issues of common inwe held in an atmosphere of complete friendship and underterest, Petra said. standing will have positive results The talks were attended by in our joint efforts to achieve a Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan just and durable solution to the

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Tribal leaders back King's stand

AMMAN (Petra) — Tribal leaders and heads of municipal and village councils in Jordan have sent cables to His Majesty King Hussein voicing total support for the King's endeavours for peace in

the Middle East. Cables sent by leaders of the D'ijah tribe and councils in Ma'an, Mazar and Zarqa districts backed a six-point document which King Hussein handed to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz during his last trip to the region.

Shamir wants to invite Shevardnadze to Israel

willing to invite Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to Israel if he can be sure the invitation will be accepted, a spokes-

man said Friday. The statement came after the Jerusalem Post reported Shevardnadze planned a visit to Jordan,

Speaking in Geneva Thursday after signing accords on Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan. Shevardnadze expressed optimism on prospects for

Mideast negotiations modelled on the Afghan talks. "The signing of the Geneva agreements certainly stimulates positive processes in the settlement of other regional issues. including the Middle East." he

told reporters. Although he declined to say if loon.

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli he would visit the region, the Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is Soviet foreign minister seemed upbeat about the possibility of arranging talks. "Fairly good prospects are now opening for a resolution of this most difficult problem." he said.

Officials close to Shamir said Israel would welcome a visit by Shevardnadze, either by himself Syria and possibly Egypt later this or in the company of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who is reportedly considering a return to the Middle East.

"The prime minister would very much like to welcome the Soviet foreign minister for discussions," said Yossi Ahimeir, a Shamir spokesman. "But Shamir will not just throw out an invitation. He needs to know the fore-

ign minister will come." Some observers saw the statement, which was also published in Israeli newspapers, as a trial bal-

Lebanese stage partial strike for wage increase

BEIRUT (AP) — A nationwide

Police said roughly 50 per cent Some ranks, schools, res-

However, a variety of

day strike after rejecting as insufficient an average 75 per cent

ployees reported to duty," a police spokesman said. "GCLU teams are touring Beirut and other cities in an effort

to convince violators to abide by the strike," said the spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing regulations. A government source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the 75 per cent increase "is

the highest the state treasury and private businesses can afford." "The employees realise this. That's why they are heistant in abiding by the strike," he said. Ahmad Srouji, who runs a ready-made clothes factory in

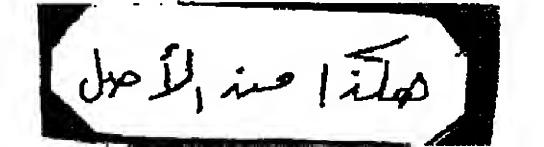
west Beirut, said even a 75 per

cent raise would be "difficult to "We will have to raise our prices. In this case, the unions will start nagging again and demand another pay raise." Srouji said at his factory, which stayed

open Friday.

"If the unions insist on a 300 per cent raise, I will close." he threatened. "Closing will strip my 70 employees from their income. Is this what the GCLU wants?" Some of his employees also appeared convinced that the size

of the raise demand was not in their interest.



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Capt. Charles (Patrick Cassidy) follows. Napoleon's mother plots

to end his marriage to Josephine. Napoleon returns to Paris a hero

and soon mounts an expedition to North Africa. Meanwhile. Josephine is injured in a fall;

Napoleon learns of Josephine's affair and retaliates. He returns

to Paris a hero, intent upon di-

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Fri. — April 22, 1988

When Maggie and Jason serve as

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School dance and the D.J. throws

out his back, Maggie steps in.

Mike falls in love with a boda-

cious blonde named Lydia, and

Carol is chastised by her girl friends for wanting to dance with Boner. Meanwhile, Ben and

Stinky sneak out of the house and

set out for an adventure.

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9:10 Wish Me Luck

10:20 Feature Film

8:30 Growing Pains

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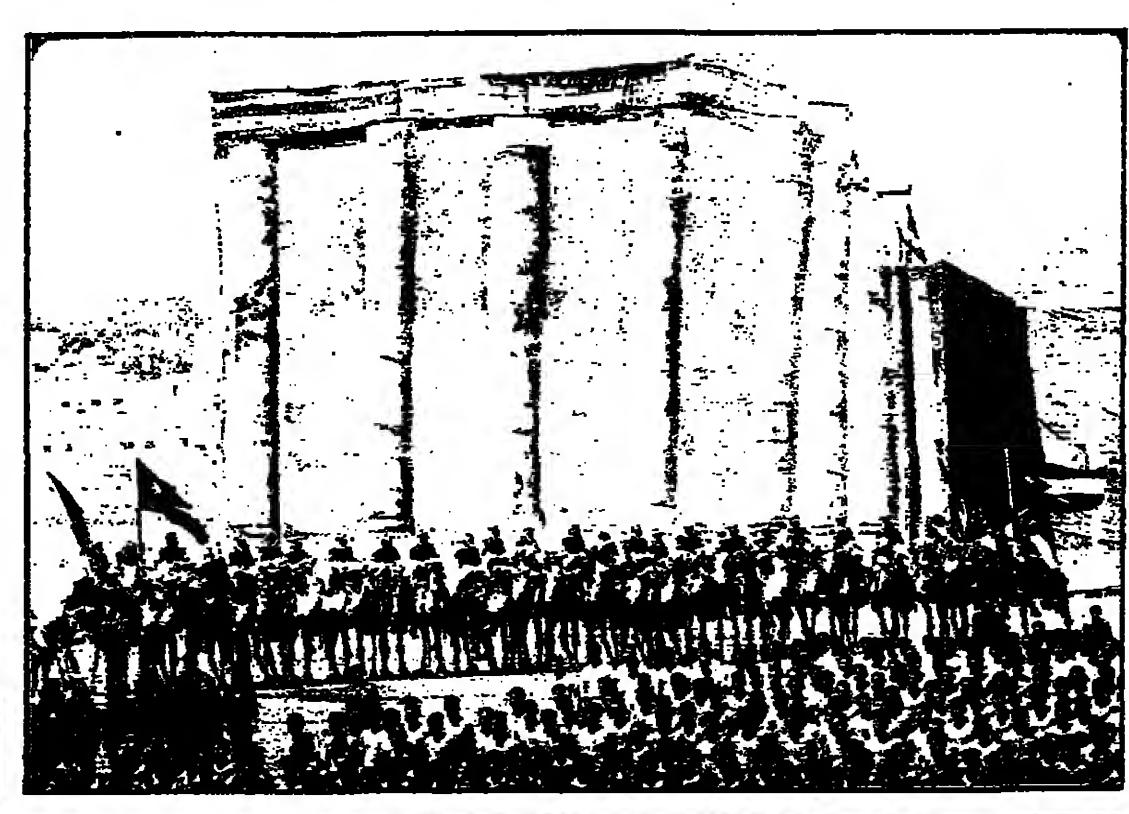
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The Colonel's Lady

Jordan celebrates King's 35th coronation anniversary







Jordan Friday celebrated the 35th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's coronation. Photos clockwise from top left: The King, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan review the parade, troops march to the tune of the Armed Forces Band, Her Majesty Queen Noor, Mrs Suzanne Mubarak and Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath watch the celebrations, parachutists display their skills, camel riders reenact the Great Arab Revolt and His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah atop a battle tank







JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — April 16, 1988

8:30 Yes Prime Minister

9:10 Sat. Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film The Hot Rock Starring: Robert Redford, George Segal.

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8:30 My Husband and I 9:10 Doc. — Jack Cousteau A journey in the Amazon region focusing on the effect of modern civilisation on the area's people.

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Mon. — April 18, 1988

8:30 Are You Being Served 9:10 Secret Army

10:20 Feature Film Massacre at Forth Holman Starring: James Cobrun, Bud

Tue. — April 19, 1988

8:30 No Place Like Home Arthur and Beryl's plans to go away for a well-carned break are thwarted by unexpected family crises. An ailing Nigel returns suddenly to the next; Lorraine and Raymond are again experiencing marital problems; then daughter Tracy and son Paul turn up for a romantic assignation, each thinking the house will be empty.

9:10 Standby! Light! Camera! Action!

10:20 Murder She Wrote

11:10 Richman, Poorman

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wildest, the most incredible people, facts and feats ever to

Maggie still in hospital. The judge tries to destroy Chais's

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Jacqueline Bisset stars as Josephine, and Armand Assante stars as Napoleon, Wednesday at 10:20.

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Art exhibition by Mohammad Boulis and Mounira Al Tunisiah at the Housing Bank Gallery.

el Till Goethe Institute. An art exhibition by Mohammad Abu Zreiq at the Alia Art Gallery.

* From Gutenburg to Electronics Dar

An art exhibition by Samer Tabbaa' at the National Museum of Fine Arts. # Plastic art exhibition by Dekran Yorgian at Plaza Hotel.

at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

 ★ Exhibition by Abdul Salam Kanaan. at the French Cultural Centre.

☆ Oil paintings exhibition by Syrian artist Mario Moussili at the Petra Bank Gallery in Wadi Sagra.

LECTURE

A lecture by Sheikh Izzuddin Al Khatib about mother and child care in Islam at 6:00 p.m. at the Cultural Centre of Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation.

VIDEO FILM

* "Heimat" (German with English subtitle) at 8:00 p.m. at the Goethe Institute. CULTURAL CENTRES

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Italian lira	26.7/	27.2
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Swedish crown	50.4	57.4
Swiss franc	239.6/	244.4
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AMMAN (Petra) - The Minis-ter of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat and Minister of Youth Awad Khileifat returned from Muscat Friday after participating in a seminar on Islamic Ulema which ended Thursday.

Upon arrival, the minister said, the seminar discussed over sex days subjects relating to the preservation of the Al Agsa Mosque as well as the support of the popular uprising in the occupied Arab territories:

Participants in the seminar called for the unification of Islamic jurisprudence and the opinions of Islamic Ulema and imams. The seminar decisions also affirmed the importance of unifying the Islamic nation

The minister added that during the seminar 14 papers were presented on the developments resulting from the evolution of Islamic societies.

Also participating in the seminar was the Kingdom's Mufti Dean of the Islamic Sciences College that belongs to the Ministry

The ministry's secretary general and a number of officials welcomed the minister upon arrival.

The minister of youth said the participation in the seminar of the Jordanian delegation was very effective both in terms of research and discussions, and was praised by other delegations.

During his visit to Oman Khleifat visited a number of sports and youth centres. He held meetings with Minister of Education and Youth Yahya Ben Mabfouz during which they discussed means of bolstering the joint cooperation between the two countries, especially in exchanging expertise and youth delegations.

The minister added that Mahfouz accepted an invitation to visit Jordan and complete the talks between them.

Manfouz expressed Oman's high appreciation of Jordan's efforts in various fields.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan chairs the first meeting of the Higher Council for Science and Technology in Amman Thursday (Petra photo)

Crown Prince chairs first meeting of Higher Council for Science, Technology

AMMAN (Petra) - The Higher Council for Science and Technology HCST held its first meeting in Amman Thursday under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and in the presence of Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi.

Prince Hassan addressed the meeting outlining the general framework of the council's scientific and technological policies and pointing out proper means to enable the council to carry out practical plans and executive programmes in developing science and technology in Jordan, through cooperation with universities and other research centres.

Prince Hassan, who is the council's president, said that the council would support all creative research projects by organisations and individuals alike, and would enable the Kingdom to execute programmes in line with national development schemes.

The HCST Secretary General Dr. Adnan Badran addressed the meeting outlining the development of the council and the tasks entrusted to its general secre-

Later the council members discussed the formation of the council's executive, financial and legal committees which would undertake practical tasks pertaining to the council's operations and would lay down a statute for the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), which has now become one of the council's affiliated branches.

The council heard a report by Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud on the work of a research centre for developing agriculture and transferring technology, being carried out in cooperation with HCST.

The meeting discussed the establishment of a number of branch centres to be affiliated to the HCST, to conduct research projects and regulations pertaining to the His Majesty King Hussein's Award for distinguished scientific work.

On the council are the ministers of agriculture, planning, finance, energy and mineral resources, industry and trade, the RSS president, Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) President Kamel

Ajlouni, as well as the president of the Amman Chamber of In-

The council, which was set up last year, also groups the Armed Forces commander in chief and representatives of the private

The HCST is responsible for Jordan's science and technology policies, naming priorities for research projects and following up their implementation as well as conducting deals with Arab regional and international bodies in the field of science and tech-

Crown Prince meets U.S. defence team

Also on Thursday, Prince Hassan met here with a delegation representing the U.S. National Defence College who are on a visit to Jordan. Prince Hassan talked about current Arab affairs and Jordan's role in the Middle East region.

Prince Hassan later answered questions put to him by the visiting delegation at the meeting which was attended by U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Roscoe Suddarth.

Queen Noor lays cornerstone for HQ of child health institute

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor on Thursday visited Sweileh to lay the cornerstone for the permanent headquarters of the Institute for Child Health and Development, a Noor Al Hussein Foundation project.

by Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor to the Kingdom of Sweden in September 1984 when Queen Noor visited Radda Barnen — Swedish Save the Children and a letter of intent was signed for the cooperation in the field of child health and welfare.

In December 1985, an agreement was signed by the Jordanian government represented by the material to increase parent and Ministry of Labour and Social Development, Radda Barnen and the Noor Al Hussein Found-

The institute's programmes assess the physical and psychosociological development of children under the age of six, and offer treatment and counselling as well as instruction to families about new diagnostic and prevenlive measures.

With three Swedes and a local Zaid and Princess Magda Ra'd,

The institute was established in team of 10 Jordanians, the insti-November 1986 following a visit tute has to date taken care of 250 pregnant mothers and has assessed the development of 960 babies in its three main units: the Mother and Child, Child Growth and Development Monitoring, and the Research and Documentation Units. The institute's future plans are

to train specialised health workers, and to introduce information teacher awareness and early recognition of symptoms of children's diseases and retardation. Following the ceremony, the

Oueen visited the institute's temporary premises where she met with a team physicians participating in discussions aimed at establishing a Jordanian-Swedish Medical Society.

The ceremony was attended by Their Highnesses Prince Ra'd Ibn



Her Majesty Queen Noor lays the cornerstone for the permanent headquarters of the Institute for Child Health and Development in Sweileh Thursday (Petra photo)

Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh. director general of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, the undersecretary of social development,

the Swedish ambassador in Amman and several visiting Swedish professors from the University of Uppsala in Sweden.

Rifai holds talks with ILO chief

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai conferred at his office on Thursday with Francis Blanchard, director general of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on Jordan's rela-

tions with the organisation. Rifai paid tribute to the ILO's role in serving developing as well as advanced nations.

Blanchard expressed appreciation of Jordan's endeavours to improve and raise the standards and efficiency of its workforce. He said the ILO will maintain cooperation with Jordan at all

Earlier Acting Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan met with Blanchard and urged the Arab people in general and work-



Prime Minister Zaid Rifai receives International Acting Minister of Labour and Social Development Labour Organisation Director General Francis Khaled Al Haj Hassan (Petra photo) -Blanchard in Amman Thursday. Also present is

ILO to play an effective role in putting an end to Israel's inhuman practices against Arab workers in the occupied Arab terri-

The minister said Blanchard's visit to Jordan coincided with the present circumstances in the occupied Arab territories, where the Israelis are escalating their repressive actions against the

ers and their unions in particular. Haj Hassan in referring to the situation in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip said that Israel was going ahead with killing people, demolishing homes and evicting Arabs from their homeland.

For his part Blanchard said that the ILO has been sending fact finding missions to the occupied Arab territories over the past 10 years, in order to try to help security fields.

protect the Arab people's liberties and prevent persecution of Arab workers.

The ILO will do all it can to end the sufferings of the Arab people and stop Israel's inhuman practices.

The minister discussed with Blanchard Jordan-ILO cooperation in labour-related affairs. vocational training and social

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FAYEZ MEETS OBEIDI: Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Akef Al Fayez met in his office here with the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Secretary General Mahdi Al Obeidi. Information Minister Hani Khasawneh also met with Obeidi to discuss CAEU-Jordanian cooperation in joint Arab economic activity. Obeidi is soon to leave his post at the end of his four-year term as CAEU secret-

ary general. SOCIAL AFFAIRS: Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureikat met in Tunis Thursday with his Tunisian counterpart to discuss bilateral cooperation in social affairs. Jordan's ambassador to Tunisia Sataan Al Hassan was present at the

VETERINARIANS: The veterinarians association held a workshop Friday at the Professional Association Complex in Irbid, during which president of the Veterinarians Association and the Director of Animal Health and Production at the Ministry of Agriculture spoke about the importance of holding scientific meeting. The speakers discussed the importance of animal production and ways of increasing it.

BIO-SCIENCES: The first Jordanian conference on bio-sciences was held at the University of Jordan with the participation of leading Jordanian scientists and university professors. Working papers discussed at the conference covered the type of water and pollution at the King Talal Dam reservoir, bacterial pollution and other topics.

INFORMATICS: Jordan took part in a pan-Arab symposium on informatics organised by the Arab Maritime Transport Academy in Alexandria. The symposium passed a number of resolutions for expanding and modernising means for employing information to serve development. A total of 14 Arab states were represented at the

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH: A 10-day training course on conducting scientific research ended in Amman on Thursday. Participants came from different government departments and Yarmouk University students. At the end of the closing session the Ministry of Information, which sponsored the course, distributed certificates to the 32 participants.



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Thursday receives a delegation from the World Health Organisation

Hamzeh, WHO team discuss health in occupied territories

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A visiting delegation from the World Health Organisation (WHO) met here Thursday with Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh to discuss health conditions in the Israelioccupied Arab territories.

The minister told the delegation, which is on a fact finding mission, about the deteriorating health conditions in the occupied tenitories as a result of Israel's policies and inhuman practices. The delegation later met with

the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs Secretary General Ahmad Qatanani to review the general situation in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Qatanani told the delegation members about Israel's practices against the Arab residents and Arab institutions and hospitals.

He said that Israel is not issuing any licences for the establishment of any health centres to care for the Arab population and that the existing hospitals lack proper facilities and equipment for offering medical services.

Arab states urged to reduce tobacco production

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A pan-Arab antismoking seminar called on Arab governments to issue laws and regulations to reduce the production rate of tobacco products, and to ban publications that advertise and promote tobacco products from entering Arab countries as ways to combat smoking.

At the end of the three-day seminar. "towards a United Arab effort against smoking," participants from ten Arab countries Wednesday called on their governments to reduce tobacco farming by ten per cent annually and reduce tobacco products by ten to fifteen per cent annually as means to reach the goal of no smoking for all by the year 2000.

The recommendations also called on governments to reduce the import of tobacco products by ten to twenty per cent annually, and to ban the import of any new tobacco brands.

It was also suggested that prices of tobacco should be increased to 15 to 20 per cent every year, and refuse permits for the establishment or expansion of tobacco companies. Producing or selling any substitute for cigarettes that could be harmful

Participants also called on their governments to enforce laws banning smoking in all public places. including all schools and educa-

should also be banned. The seminar, organised by the

National Jordanian Anti-Smoking Society (NJASS) in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, called on the banning of transmitting any form of direct or indirect promotion of tobacco products in the media, including sports, social, scientific or cultural events being sponsored by tobacco com-

tional institutions, hospitals and health centres, mosques and holy places, and in official public It was suggested that it should be ensured that there be no

smoking among those in sensitive positions that influence people. such as physicians, teachers, athletes and policemen. It was also suggested that there

should be laws to ban the selling of tobacco products to all those under 18 years old. The recommendations called

on the media to play its major role in anti-smoking campaigns by educating the public on the health hazards due to smoking

and its economic disadvantages on society as a whole.

It was suggested that the media programmes and children's educational programmes should be broadened to include messages on the disadvantages of smoking and advantages of quitting. Prize contests could also be held in different forms of media outlets to promote anti-smoking.

that anti-smoking information should be conveyed to students in educational institutions - primary and secondary schools, nursing and health institutions, and medical schools — as part of their academic curricula. Another recommendation in-

cluded putting no smoking as a precondition for those enrolling in health and education colleges and training institutions.

The following are more general recommendations including the whole Arab World that were made at the seminar:

— To establish an Arab federation for combatting smoking which would cooperate with the Council of Arab Health Ministers and international organisations that work with anti-smoking.

— To establish anti-smoking societies in the Arab countries

that lack such societies. — To ensure the execution of

the anti-smoking recommendations reached by Arab health ministers conference. - To establish an Arab Anti-

Smoking Day, Oct. 28 of every year, as a form of campaigning against smoking.

— To continue holding regular seminars and conferences on combatting smoking. The seminar also suggested

- To conduct studies and surveys in the Arab World to reach statistics covering everything related to smoking in order to know how big the problem is and to work towards eliminating it.

— To encourage scientific research into the hazards of smoking.

— To convey the results of the research presented in this seminar to all forms of media outlets as a part of an anti-smoking campaign. Thirty-two working papers were presented by Jordan. Palestine, United Arab Émirates, Bahrain, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Egypt and Morocco.

— To participate in assisting smokers into quitting by establishing qualified anti-smoking clinics, and encouraging smokers to quit by holding publicised prize contests for those who quit and abstain from smoking.

Minister tours Dhiban district

DHIBAN (Petra) - Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber on Thursday paid an inspection tour of Dhiban district near Madaba and met with heads of local councils to discuss projects for their area.

After a tour of Dhiban, Lub, Malih, and Bani Hamideh, the minister held a meeting in Dhiban during which he declared that a team from the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature was currently involved in a survey in Dhiban district, for defining income-generating projects that could be started in that district. The minister paid tribute to the

grouping clusters of municipal councils in rural districts of Jordan. He also announced his decision for the formation of a technical team from his ministry to conduct field trips to Dhiban district and

work of joint services councils

study ways of overcoming local problems. The Madaba district governor, who attended the meeting, outlined the organisational problems facing local councils in his dis-

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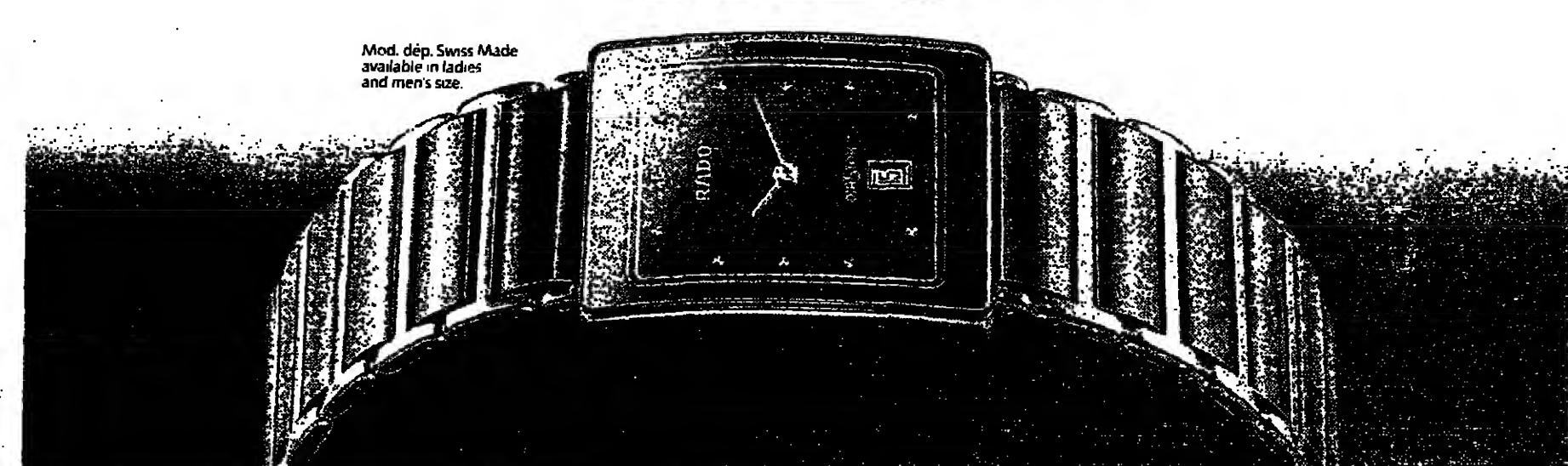
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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

Al Ra'i: Winning card

IT has become clear now that the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories had motivated the new U.S. proposals for a Middle East settlement. This uprising has also prompted the Soviet foreign minister to visit countries in the region to discuss an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The U.S. initiative is still in need of modification so that it can meet the Arab requirements for peace, as explained in Jordan's six-point document which was handed to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. The longer the uprising lasts, the more will be the chances for the U.S. to modify its stand. Moreover, the U.S. will definitely go ahead with plans to settle the Middle East problem as long as the Arabs show their unity of purpose and their determination to pursue the struggle for their rights. The uprising has indeed forced those who had assumed that any solution can only come through them to re-consider their position; and placed all the winning cards in the hands of the Arab Nation. In addition, the unity displayed by the Arab countries has succeeded in bringing about a strategic balance between Israel and the Arab World. More is still to be done if the uprising is to succeed, and more concerted efforts on the part of Arab countries should be exerted if a lasting peace is to be established.

Al Dustour: Crucial times

KING Hussein's talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak which began Thursday evening are part of the overall efforts by the two leaders to implement resolutions reached by the Arab summit in Amman last November. These talks come at a crucial time when the Israelis are pursuing their aggressive course and imposing terrorism and repressive measures on the Arab people in the occupied territories. Indeed, the Israelis are now adopting new and more ferocious and brutal measures in dealing with the Arab protests, as they are now using poisonous gas for killing the civilian population. These atrocities should be met with firm Arab actions so that the Israelis can be deterred from committing more crimes. The Arabs should continue to display their unity with regard to the new U.S. initiative, and also in talks with the Soviet foreign minister who plans to visit the Middle East soon. Egypt and Jordan have set an example to the Arab countries by adopting identical stands, and by continuing their coordination vis-a-vis all matters related to the region's problems.

Sawt Al Shaab: Peace for the Afghans

FOLLOWING a prolonged period of sufferings and tragedies, the Afghan people seem now to be heading towards a long-sought peace. The accord signed by the U.S., the Soviet Union, Pakistan and Afghanistan in Geneva should help achieve that goal for the Afghan people, enabling them to play their role once again within the community of the Third World. The signing of the Geneva document was a historic event since it was not only supported by the people of Afghanistan and Pakistan but is blessed and guaranteed by the superpowers. It should be noted also that the accord was signed under the umbrella of the United Nations which has always sought to resolve world and regional conflicts through negotiations. Perhaps peace in Afghanistan will open the way now for other deals that can end other regional conflicts in the Middle East region, like the Iraq-Iran war and the Arab-Israeli conflict. It is really a source of pride for Jordan and King Hussein who contributed actively towards ending the Afghan issue through world-wide diplomatic contacts and untiring efforts. Let us hope that the efforts that were made to end the crisis in Afghanistan will eventually succeed in terminating the two major conflicts in the Middle East.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Cowardly act

THE cowardly hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner represents a cheap form of blackmail, exposing those who perpetrated and executed this criminal act. It is no secret that the hijacking affair and the tragedy it involved has opened the way for the enemies of the Arab Nation to use the event as an anti-Arab propaganda tool to be exploited and to cause damage to the Arab Nation's causes. This is what the Israeli aggressors have been looking for, just at the time when the Palestinian people's uprising is taking place inside the occupied Arab territories. Kissinger had advised Israel to come up with some action that would divert world attention from the uprising in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and the hijacking affair came just to achieve that purpose. Terrorism is the weapon of a bankrupt group of people and cannot convince the world of any cause or any objective. Therefore, such actions can never be successful and can never force Kuwait to succumb to threats or intimidations. Kuwait has shown courage and steadfastness in dealing with the criminals on board the plane, and its stand is being supported by all Arab and Muslim people. One can only hope that people of good will act swiftly to end the ordeal of the innocent passengers and abort the criminal plans of the hijackers.

Al Dustour: A driving force

PRIME Minister Zaid Rifai told a seminar held in Amman that the current Palestinian uprising should be used politically to achieve its objectives. He described the uprising as the driving force behind the current American efforts to find a solution for the Middle East problem. The past 20 years did not bring up any real Arab force to exercise pressure towards arriving at a settlement, but the uprising has all the elements of pressure that brought about the current flutry of diplomatic activity designed to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict. Advocating the cause of the uprising means helping the Palestinian people in their current struggle to rid themselves of the Israeli occupation by deed rather than by words. This uprising which surprised the Israelis has at the same time breathed life into the Arab Nation and revitalised hopes for an end to the Palestinian people's tragedy. Therefore, what is needed now is continued backing for the Arab people's revolt against injustice and against occupation.

Won't even the Palestinian uprising awaken the Arab World?

adequate.

By Edward W. Said

IT IS NOW exactly half a century since George Antonius's classic book The Arab Awakening was published. Although it was written in English for a Western audience it accurately expressed and conveyed the aspirations, the hopes and the fears of Arab nationalism. Antonius's ideas were formed by the experiences provided by the Arab Revolt against the Ottomans, and then by the betrayal of these hopes by the British as well as other Western powers. It is to Antonius's credit that in his book he predicted the precise nature of the threat to the Arabs posed by Zionism, even though in 1938 Israel had neither been established nor had gained the relative hegemony it has enjoyed in the period since 1967. For all the faults of the book, for all its romantic assumptions and insufficiently historical analyses. Antonius's premises that there had occurred since the mid-19th century the birth of a general Arab consciousness constituting a potentially powerful Arab nation, still strikes me as correct and important, especially as the uprising in the occupied territories enters its fifth month.

As an act of organised and successful resistance to Zionism this uprising is the most successful ever in the history of Palestinian struggle. Gone are the days of eloquent speeches, and precipitate defeats. The national will of the Palestinians is unbroken, the battle is both detailed and its direction secret, though its meaning is both clear and unmistakable. Those of us who live at a great distance from the Middle East have nevertheless been able to grasp that the uprising has generally been considered a tremendously popular, as well as admirable, episode by Arabs; and if one is to judge by repercussions in the West the uprising has

caused a major change in percephas written, Antonius's book was tions of the Palestinians and the addressed to the elites in the. Arabs. Yet something is wrong Middle East and in Britain, which

appeared. Palestine has been considered the centre of Arab tion has been unaffected by Palestine, at least rhetorically. eration of Arab leaders grew up in the shadow of Palestine, fought and sometimes died for Palestine, made peace (Sadat) or refused to make peace (all the others), citing the conflict with Zionism and the alienation of "Arab Palestine" (later, "the inalienable thority. rights of the Palestinian people") as their rationale. The residents of Palestine continue to share the collective Arab unwillingness to recognise the legitimacy of Israel's military occupation since 1967; among the Arab states there is more less collective official support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Finally. Palestine is the major issue in the conflict that (again, officially) separates the Arabs from the West; then of course Palestine is an Arab as well as Islamic cause, which in its moral and political support for Israel the West has

historically opposed. The changes now underway in the occupied territories and Israel are slowly undermining, and may yet shatter, political attitudes in the Arab World. Here, another look at Antonius is important. Undoubtedly Antonius was a brilliant man and he was an Arab nationalist to his core. His pages radiate not only an astute political intelligence, but a genuine historical vision that in many ways: corresponds to other visions of a colonised people struggling for independence and integrity, Sengor in Africa, Tagore, Gandhi and Nehru in India, Sun Yat Sen in China. Yet, as Albert Hourani

with responses in the Arab World. at the time was the great outside Ever since Antonius's book power whose influence dominated the region until 1945. In The

Arab Awakening, Hourani says, foreign policy. No Arab ruler, "There is no idea of revolutionmajor political party, or genera- ary change, of a victorious liberation which creates another kind of human being." Thus Antonius The first post-independence gen- spoke and wrote, and apparently, thought within the imperial framework provided by Britain. He appealed to the major figures within that framework, attempting to influence their ideas considerably, yet accepting the premises of their privilege and au-

> In other words. Antonius second direction has been emboaddressed the West, much as (especially since 1974), the worksomeone who, in recognising the ings of the Arab League, the jurisdiction of a court, addresses the judge and jury. Antonius was collective Arab positions on

"... If one is to judge by repercussions in the West, the uprising has caused a major change in perceptions of the Palestinians and the Arabs. Yet, something is wrong with responses in the Arab World.'

neither a Marxist, nor in the final analysis, a prophetic visionary. For him, seeing the world under the pressure of great events and massively influential processes, there was only the alternative of the Western perspective, an essentially imperial one in which Arabs were and were always meant to be, as T.E. Lawrence out it, the "brown dominion" for the British. Antonius accepted this not because he was ignorantly mistaken or foolishly misled, but because there was no other view in his world, the Arab World that had been under Ottoman and European rule for four centuries. The Arab Awakening is still, in my opinion, a great and pioneering work, and Antonius a remarkable man; there is no sense at all in blaming him for the

inevitable shortcomings of his vi-

Camp David, the Gulf war, and oil politics. There, Arab nationalism has been the driving force, with Palestine very much at its

sion, but it is sensible and wise to

know what these shortcomings

were, and why today the contours

of his vision are no longer

since 1945 have gone in two

directions at the same time. First,

and quite naturally, they have

promoted their own national

state interests, their security and

sovereignty, their economies and

societies. There has been some.

inter-Arab cooperation (e.g. the

1973 war, the Gulf council, the

Egyptian-Syrian Union of 1958-

61), but one's impression is of

Arab states pursuing their sepa-

rate ways, sometimes in violent

opposition to each other. The

The problem is that Arab elites

Both these directions, however, have been largely contained by the West, much as in Antonius's time. The Arabs were not an exception to the major trends elsewhere in the formerly colonised world. Even Ho Chi Minh and the Algerians in the 40's and 50's were convinced, for example, that the newest and most powerful Western state, America could be appealed to for support in the struggle against colonialism and for self-determination. Very soon, however, the truth was revealed, and America's championing of repressive post-colonial dictatorships or oligarchies (the Diem dynasty in Vietnam, the Shah, Somoza, Marcos, Noriega, the Contras, etc.) precipitated wars, coups, and upheavals.

Strangely, however, the Arab elites who have the most influence in the Middle East, have not yet adopted critical, genuinely oppositional and alternative views of the West, views that would go beyond Antonius's ideas about nationalism, views that would resolve the contradiction between individual state security and interests on the one hand, and rhetorical, collective Arab nationalism focussed on Palestine on the other. Today the Arab states by and large pursue their individual interests within the parameters - intellectual, political, cultural - provided and rigorously maintained by the U.S. the symbol of whose Middle Eastern policy is unwavering, and actually increasingly profligate support for Israel. There should be no mistake about this, that U.S. dollars, willingly voted by the Congress, backed up by the administration, make possible the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, down to the last square centimetre of confiscated Palestinian land, and the last broken bone in a live or dead Palestinian

So, an outside observer like myself is, I think, entitled to ask, how much more evidence is needed for the Arab states to acknowledge that support for Palestine, long the centre of Arab nationalist thinking, must today include some revised ideas about Arab policy toward the U.S. Even as I write, George Shultz tries to revive Camp David, and his government attempts to shut down Palestinian offices in America, denying basic human rights to the Palestinian people. Dozens of Palestinians have been killed. thousands wounded and jailed hundreds of thousands curfewed denied links to the outside world, denied access to adequate sup-

plies of fuel, medicine, food, and water. Israel wages open war on the Palestinian people and has done so explicitly since its establishment, but rarely have the limits on its brutality been so shamelessly removed as in the past few weeks. And still, American money keeps pouring in, Where are the Arabs? I have

heard of demonstrations in Arab cities that have been stopped by the police. On the other hand, I am sure that the Arab states are saying things, but why are they not being said by the Arab states in the U.S.? A stunning silence reigns. The Arabs seem to provide no alternative to the U.S.-Israeli one, forgetting that America — its civil society, its media, its politicians, its culture — is where the action now is, where the next step will occur. If the beroic Palestinian children and women of the occupied territories have taken the first concrete step to break the grip of Israel, it must now be up to the Arab leadership - and the PLO - to take the next political step, which is required for the uprising to bear fruit in a settlement of the conflict that guarantees Palestinian selfdetermination. Forcefully, patiently, clearly the Arab leadership must first show unmistakable support for Palestinian selfdetermination: Then they must deliberately separate themselves from the American-Israeli vision of things; then they must move solidly behind a new vision, and they must act. bringing into play all the political, economic, and moral means at their disposal. It will not do to be a little this or a little that. Above, all, it will not .: do to be so afraid, for narrow sectarian reasons, as to be unwilling to challenge political policies whose daily equivalent is the sustained abuse of Palestinian life. The age of empire is over, and the Arabs have supposedly awakened. Why then do they play the role of the sleeping beauty? — Arab News.

Palestinian poem raises storm among Israelis

By Bernard Edinger

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM — ...So leave our country Our land, our sea,

Our wheat, our salt, our wounds Everything, and leave The memories of memory

Of those who pass between fleeting words" These lines from a poem by the best known of Palestinian poets

has raised a storm of anger and despair among Israeli liberals since its publication last month. Poet Mahmoud Darwish Paris-based president of the Union of Palestinian Writers and Journalists, has symbolised to many Israelis the hope that coexistence will one day be possible

in separate Arab and Jewish states, living peacefully side by Although head of the cultural affairs department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Darwish regularly met in

Europe with left-wing Israeli in-

tellectuals. The Israelis, active in campaigns for the Jewish state to withdraw from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to pre-1967 borders, regarded Darwish as standard bearer for Palestinian doves, a species most Israelis do

not believe exists. But many of the liberals now say their illusions were dashed by Darwish's poem "Those Who Pass Between Fleeting Words." They say it echos the PLO's founding charter denying Israel's right to exist and calling for the expulsion of most Jews from Israel proper as well as from

Arab areas occupied in 1967. Leading author Amos Keinan wrote to Darwish accusing him of "bad poetry and bad nationalism" and concluded "(but) I personally remember some beautiful moments with you, dammit."

"In a phone conversation with a reporter, you said you had been misunderstood and your words distorted. You told the Haaretz newspaper reporter you did not mean we should get out of all of the land of Israel, only from the West Bank and Gaza.

"And you even wisecracked and said that there is a sea at Gaza, too, and at Gaza we could leave by the sea," Keinan wrote. The West Bank is landlocked and Israelis understood Darwish's reference to the sea to mean the Mediterranean coast. fighting words in a country where each child is reminded of Arab calls to "throw the Jews into the

"No one could seriously believe Darwish had the green line - Israel's 1967 borders - in mind when he wrote 'get out of our country, our land, our sea', said the daily Haaretz.

"When what is at stake is life and death, even a poet must not leave room for misunderstanding. Poetic licence ends when death begins," Keinan said in his letter to Darwish.

"What I understood... is a proposal for the transfer of the Jews from their country. You know I shall not leave this place of my own free will: You will have to come and try and get me out of here by force... you'll have to shoot me." Keinan said.

Questioning Darwish's words "carry your names and be gone," Keinan replied: "Our names are engraved on every stone in this land of ours and inscribed in every parchment scroll concealed in this soil of ours these 3,500

Poet Haim Guri wrote: "This poem is liable to give the right the parliament seats it needs for a possible majority in (forthcoming) elections... The poem returns us to the true demons. I speaks truth, poems do not lie.'

Darwish found defenders only among Israeli Arab intellectuals, particularly poets on the staff of the Communist Party Arabic language newspaper Al Ittihad.

Poet Siham Daoud said: "It is not a political declaration, it is a

Another Arab-Israeli poet. Samih Al Kassem, said: "It is not fair to fail to understand the agony (of Darwish) in view of what has been happening in the occupied territories. One hundred people have been killed. hundreds have been wounded. thousands have been arrested.

"We are human beings, not angels, and any human being at a particular moment can lose his restraint," Kassem said. But Jewish journalist Yehuda Litani, a leading leftist and expo-

nept of Palestinian-Israeli understanding replied: "Moderates who even momentarily become extremists tend to forget that in the continuous struggle between the two peoples neither is a victim: Each is a hostage of the

Economic warfare on the West Bank, Gaza

Israel is applying economic sanctions in an attempt to end the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip: Tony Walker and Andrew Whitley report on this new phase in the Arab-Israel conflict.

THE Palestinian uprising against Each side, in its attempts to Israeli occupation, now into its fifth month, is settling down to a slow battle of wills in which economic weapons are playing an

increasingly important role. Palestinians are continuing to die at an average rate of one a day in sporadic outbursts of violence. But the focus of the conflict is shifting to an economic version of trench warfare; and the Israelis have begun to lay down a barrage of sanctions in an attempt to break the back of the resistance.

The question is: How far is Israel prepared to go in imposing further hardship, and possibly ruin, on the 1.5 million people of the West Bank and Gaza Strip? And to what extent are the Israelis willing to risk a separation of two interdependent economies in which theirs has been

the dominant partner? "The Arabs seek to wrench themselves free of the Israeli system, and even to harm it, while the Israelis want to out down the uprising, protect the local government and preserve the population's dependence on it," wrote Ze'ev Schiff, a veteran observer of Israel's many wars.

inflict harm on the other, adopting measures which appear almost self-defeating, but which are ultimately about demonstrating who is in charge. Thus, the clandestine Palestinian leadership instructs shopkeepers to open for restricted hours, only to have the Israelis force the shops to close, and vice-versa.

Pressures on the 120,000 Palestinians who previously worked in Israel to withdraw their labour, is a further example of the underground leadership attempting to force a disengagement of the two communities. The most notable success of

this strategy was the resignation last month of half the local Arab police force and other municipal employees in the Israeli-run civil administration.

But after the early euphoria, as Palestinians demonstrated an unexpected capacity to challenge Israeli control, the intifada (uprising) is entering a testing new. phase. The challenge now facing those directing the uprising inside and outside the occupied territories is to convert a spontaneous revolt into a movement capable

of forcing political concessions from Israel.

Leading Palestinians have few illusions about the difficulties involved. "Economically, they (the Israelis) hold us by the neck. says Ibrahim Matar, a director of the American Near East Relief Agency, and an expert on the West Bank economy. 'They can really choke us to death, and already they are taking such mea-

The Israeli defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, told a parliamentary committee recently that the army's new dual approach to handling the uprising, combining mass arrests with a series of administrative and economic measures, was designed "to bring the level of violence in the areas down to a minimum in a matter of weeks."

Among the punitive steps already take are:

- Severe restrictions on the inflow of money into the terri-

- A two-week ban on the supply of fuel oil and petrol to Arab distributors: — Cutting off international telephone links:

- Stringent curbs on internal and foreign travel; - A partial ban on exports to Jordan and Israel of produce

from the occupied territories.

relatively mild compared with some available to Israel, such as stopping people and goods crossing the bridges between Israel and Jordan, which would deal a crippling blow to many families and businesses.

These measures, however, are

One nagging worry for the Israelis, if they take these harsher steps, is that the strategy could prove counter-productive. As Ze'ev Schiff says: "Israel's economic sanctions may turn out to be a double-edged sword in expanding the circle of those harmed and fomenting participation in in-

surgency activities." Mubarak Awad, a Palestinian-American whose views were originally ridiculed by his people but not by the Israelis who tried repeatedly to deport him, has emerged as the advocate of a mass campaign of civil disobedience. He says that support for the uprising, initially 10 to 15 per cent, has risen to between 60 and

70 per cent. Awad has been urging his fellow Palestinians to raise chickens and grow their own vegetables to withstand an all-out economic siege. "The Israelis could send us back to the dark ages, but I don't think they will manage to put an end to the intifada using economic methods." - Financial Times feature.

S. Africa: A terrorist state

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON - Last Thursday morning Albie Sachs, a South African lawyer living in exile in Mozambique, walked to his car and turned the key in the door lock. As he did, a powerful bomb went off. It shattered windows down the block. Sachs lost his arm. Miraculously, he survived.

Albie Sachs has a good many American friends, including me. He has lectured at a number of law schools here, including Columbia, Harvard and Minnesota. So the attempt on his life brought home in a special way the meaning of one of the contemporary world's worst evils, state ter-

No one familiar with the region had any real doubt about who planted that bomb: Agents of the government of South Africa. Sachs is a longtime member of the African National Congress, the anti-apartheid movement outlawed in South Africa, ANC members have been the targets of numerous murder attempts carried out by South Africa openly. or covertly.

On March 29 the ANC representative in Paris, Dulcie September, was shot to death at the door of her office. So far this year six ANC members have been murdered in countries outside South

On March 28 a South African army unit went into neighbouring Botswana and killed a man and three women as they slept in a house outside the capital, Gaborone. Pretoria said the victims were terrorists. Botswana's usually cautious government called that a "deliberate fabrication."

The South African minister of defence. Magnus Malan, described the raid as "a surgeon's incision against the ANC." Botswana's foreign minister, Gaositwe Chiepe, noted that the raiders had made it hard to identify the victims. They doused the bodies with gasoline and set the house on fire.

The idea that South Africa had anything to do with the attempted murder of Albie Sachs was denied by the South African foreign minister, R.F. Botha. That is the same Botha who protested mightily a few years ago at the charge that South Africa was aiding the Renamo terrorists in Mozambique. Then, at a captured Renamo camp, Mozambique found detailed logs of regular South African supply drops and radio communications.

South Africa has carried out armed attacks on all its neighbours, not just Botswana and

The targets are usually identified as ANC members, but they often turn out to be local citizens who have nothing to do with South Africa. The raids in any case serve a domestic political purpose for the white government in Pretoria: Looking tough. They tend to increase in frequency when the government is in trouble

on the right, as it is now. The black-ruled neighbours of South Africa are essentially helpless against its overwhelming military power. They are as the blinded Gloucester said in Shakespeare's "King Lear": As flies to wanton boys are we

to the gods, They kill us for their sport.

But the United States is not a weak country, helpless in the face of state terrorism. It is a superpower with claims to a moral position in the world. It may not be able to do much about racial oppression inside South Africa. But it can and should be leading an international effort to prevent South Africa from terrorising its neighbours.

The Reagan administration has a particular reason for concern. In 1984 it brokered the Nkomati Accord, in which Mozambique and South Africa agreed to stop making or assisting attacks on New York Times

each other. Pretoria has brazenly violated it.

The first thing Washington can do is to speak out loud and clear. The United States has a longstanding policy of opposition to governments that support or engage in terrorism. South Africa is now very likely the prime example of state terrorism in the world. Yet when there is a raid or a bombing, all one gets from Washington is a namby-pamby statement that really says no-

President Mitterrand of France had no hesitation when Dulcie September was killed. He did not make pious statements about an inability to identify the killers. He called the South African ambassador to his office and demanded an explanation. He said the murder made the question of

sanctions "still more burning-" . Beyond words, there are many actions the U.S. can begin to take: Expelling diplomats, applying a specific economic sanction, sending argent military helpto the country that has been victimised. Every time South African terrorists strike, there should be a clear and immediate U.S. response. The aim, as Franklin Roosevelt put it, is to - quarantine the aggressor. The

Reagan, Thatcher face lawsuit over 1986 Libya bombing raid

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark has filed a lawsuit against President Ronald Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher seeking compensation for 55 Libyans killed or injured in a U.S. bombing raid on Tripoli two years ago.

Clark accused Reagan Thursday of building up a false hate campaign to justify killing Libyans in a bombing raid timed for U.S. television news programmes.

He also called the raid in April 1986 an attempt to assassinate Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

"The president has no power to kill whomever he wants, to bomb civilian populations after deliberately building up a hate campaign against the country and timing it for prime television," Clark said

at a press conference. He said he filed the suit in U.S. federal district court in Washington Wednesday against Reagan, Thatcher, other officials, and pilots who conducted the raid, for compensation for 15 Libyans kil-

led and 40 injured. Clark said the compensation would total between \$75 million and \$100 million.

He said Thatcher was sued because she allowed U.S. bom-

bers to fly from British bases for the raid. He said American pilots were sued for not refusing to carry out what he called Reagan's illegal order to bomb Tripoli in

peacetime.

television.

Clark said Reagan and his aides falsely accused Libya of sending "death squads" to the United States and of directing the bombing of a West German discotheque to justify the raid. He also said the raid was timed to coincide with evening news programmes on American network

The lawsuit charged that the Reagan administration concealed the bombing's "primary purpose." The suit says the raid was launched for the illegal goal of trying to kill Qadhafi and to "terrorise Libyans by inflicting injury upon the civilian population in order to undermine support" for their leader.

Among the victims who were killed was a three-mouth-old girl who died when she was hit by shrapnel while asleep in her home in Benghazi. The infant's 38-yearold father also died when shrapnel pierced his skull, according to

the complaint. The lawsuit charged that the defendants "are guilty of conduct constituting clear violations of settled principles of international

law prohibiting the use of force by a state against the territorial integrity of political independence of another state."

These principles of international law are embodied in the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Nuremberg Charter adopted following World War II and U.S. law, the lawsuit said.

Also sued were former Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and top military officials, including Admiral William Crowe, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and retired General Bernard Rogers, former supreme allied commander in

The estate of the late CIA director William Casey also was named as a defendant in the case. general under President Lyndon Johnson in the 1960s, has been

criticised for dealing with foreign

governments whose interests con-

flict with the United States. In 1980 be attended a "crimes of America" conference in Iran while American hostages were being held in Tehran. He also was criticised in 1972 for travelling to Hanoi to investigate the effects of U.S. bombing during the Vict-

U.S. lawmakers press lanti-Saudi campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Campaigns have gained momentum in both houses of Congress to block the sale of \$460 million of U.S. military equipment to Saudi

Arabia. It was announced Thursday that 58 senators have signed a letter calling on Secretary of State George Shultz to reevaluate the pending arms sale in light of the discovery that the Saudis have purchased medium-range ballistic missiles from China.

A similar letter-writing campaign began in the House of Representatives with a bipartisan coalition calling for an end to all arms sales to Saudi Arabia until the Chinese missiles have been removed.

"The Saudi-Chinese missiles threaten the entire Middle East," said Senator Howard Metzenbaum. "It is a mobile missile with Clark, who served as attorney | a range of up to 1,050 miles (3,800 kilometres), giving the Saudis the capability to strike targets throughout the Middle East and beyond."

Representative Charles | SLA says 3 Schumer said 47 house members aiready have signed a letter to Shultz asking the administration to withdraw the sale of Bradley fighting vehicles, Tow missiles and ground support equipment for AWACS early-warning air-

Schumer said he expects many other house members to sign the letter in the next few days.

"Congress will not permit Saudi deceit to be rewarded," Schumer said. "Congress will not permit the sale of any weapons to Saudi Arabia until its leaders remove the Chinese missiles and until they pledge they will not pursue such destabilising arms purchases in the future."

Representative Constance Morella said the missiles' range and their ability to carry nuclear and chemical weapons "poses a grave threat to our ally, Israel and escalates the arms race in a volatile region."

The house members noted in their letter that it has long been U.S. policy to sustain Israel's qualitative military advantage in arms in the Middle East.

The letter expressed distress that the Saudis "went to such purchase from the United

resistance fighters killed

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (R) — Pro-Israeli militiamen bombed a house used as a resistance hideout and killed three Palestinians inside, security sources said Friday. They said the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militiamen left their "security zone" Thursday night and blew up the house in the village of Srifa, three kilometres to the north. An SLA spokesman said the house was used as a base by Palestinian and pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) commandos to launch attacks against the SLA and Israeli troops patrolling the zone.

that feature a photograph of

The 200 advertising cards are

on subway cars of the Mas-

sachusetts Bay Transportation

Authority. Together, Boston-

area Chapters of the Mobilisation

for Survival, the American

Friends Service Committee and

the Lebanon Emergency Com-

mittee paid \$2,300 for the month-

long ad campaign, which began

pay for the violence."

morning after a blast believed to have been caused by a mine blew a hole in its hull and injured 10 seamen.

BAHRAIN (AP) — U.S. navy experts Friday were

assessing the damage to a guided-missile frigate, the

OAU committee endorses expert

blueprint on Chad-Libya conflict

Navy officials said the USS Samuel B. Roberts was out of tion. danger and was moving under its own power but that no decision on where it would be taken for repairs would be made until after

the on-the-spot survey.

"The ship is under control. It is out of danger," said U.S. central command spokesman John Head. Four of the injured seamen

have been transported to Bahrain's Salmaniya hospital. Head said two were suffering from second-degree burns over 40 per cent of their bodies and

LIBREVILLE (R) - African

ministers have adopted a docu-

ment drafted by experts on ways

to settle a 15-year-old border

dispute between Libya and Chad.

been published, will be submitted

to a meeting of heads of state

from a special six-member com-

mittee of the Organisation of

African Unity (OAU) scheduled

for May 24 in the Ethiopian

A final communique issued in

the Gabonese capital Libreville

Thursday after a two-day meeting

of foreign ministers from the

OAU special committee said that

the talks led to "a fruitful ex-

capital Addis Ababa.

change of views."

The proposals, which have not

were considered in critical condi-

The third had second-degree burns over 15 per cent of his body, while the fourth was suffering from lower-back problems and smoke inhalation.

American missile frigate

hits 'mine'; 10 wounded

The other six injured sailors were under observation aboard the combat store ship San Jose. Head said they were listed in

good condition. Navy officials refused to say whether the Roberts hit a mine Thursday as it was sailing southward of a return trip from Kuwait

worked out by an OAU subcom-

tographers which met at the be-

Chad and Libya dispute control

The ad hoc committee on the

Chad-Libya dispute comprises

Algeria, Cameroun, Gabon.

Mozambique, Nigeria and

Gabonese capital

Aouzou Strip.

last September.

with Iraq. Shipping sources reported that the Roberts hit a mine in the central Gulf shortly before dusk Thursday, about 150 kilometres northeast of Bahrain, off the

after escorting one of 11 U.S.-

But Western diplomats and

shipping executives in the region

said it struck a mine believed to

Iran was blamed for a spate of

mine blasts in the Gulf last year in

spillovers of its 71/2 year-old war

reflagged Kuwaiti tankers.

have been laid by Iran.

Qatar peninsula. The Roberts, like other units of the U.S. Middle East force that patrol the Gulf and provide escorts for U.S.-flagged commercial vessels, always sail with a lookout posted on the bows to watch for any menace, including

mines, they said. In Washington, Defence Department sources said the Roberts' crew spotted "some mine-like objects" in the water immediately before the explosion. U.S. officials declined to

The document is based on yet comment on the report. undisclosed recommendations Head and Pentagon spokesman Dan Howard refused to attribute mittee of legal experts and car-

the explosion to a mine. ginning of the year in the "We still don't know the exact cause" of the underwater blast, Head said.

But other Pentagon officials of a 110,000-square-kilometre dewere less reticent. sert border area known as the "The assumption is definitely Both armies are currently

that it was a mine," one source observing an uneasy ceasefire | said. The \$400-million 135-metre arranged under OAU auspices

Roberts was the second victim of spillovers of the Iran-Iraq war. It is a sister ship of the frigate USS Stark, which was hit by an Iraqi missile while sailing in the Gulf last May, killing 37 seamen.

Mubarak leaves after talks

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Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Mar-

shal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. The Egyptian ministers of foreign affairs, transport, telecommunications and information were also present at the meeting.

In a cable he sent to the King upon departure, Mubarak said his talks with His Majesty would have a positive effect on "our joint efforts to achieve a just and durable solution to the Middle East problem," the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

Upon his return to Cairo Friday, Mubarak called for Palestinians to reach agreement among themselves before a proposed international conference on Middle East, peace.

"Our brothers in the organisation (PLO) must agree among themselves first," the Middle East News Agency (MENA)

quoted him as saying on his re-

turn from Jordan. "They should then agree with Jordan so that there will be no room for disagreement. Having agreed on the international con-

ference they should not differ on progress of the talks." Mubarak said King Hussein had invited PLO leader Yasser Arafat for talks but he said inter-Palestinian agreement should

precede such discussions. "King Hussein and I are making efforts with the PLO. Everybody is exerting efforts," he said. Mubarak and King Hussein discussed the U.S. peace proposals submitted to regional leaders by Secretary of State George

dle East three times over the past seven weeks. "Shuitz-should return to the region because the process is so complicated. I don't think one two or three missions would be

Shultz, who has visited the Mid-

mediation. hijacking.

The agency, in an urgent debefore proceeding with talks.

KUNA also said some of the hijackers were believed to have

"A split has occurred in the ranks of the hijackers themselves toward the nature of negotia-

"The position of the hijackers who are believed to have boarded the Kuwaiti plane in Mashhad and joined the rest of the group has hardened and become more radical in the past few hours," it said, quoting sources close to the

negotiations. ing instructions from outside and to do over the stalemate which

KUNA added. A senior pro-Iranian Lebanese cleric condemned the hijacking and the killing of two of its

passengers, saying there were other means of achieving demands.

spiritual mentor of Hizbollah (Party of God), told Friday wor-

plane as a means, no matter what the demands are. We also passengers... there is more than one way to pressure for de-

There was no military presence around the plane in Algiers. All contacts have been polite and matter-of-fact, creating an atmos-

Diplomats rule out any storming of the plane. The Algerians appeared in no burry, allowing time, patience, fatigue and heat to play its part while at the same constantly maintaining discrete

"That's why the gunmen are so caim, and that's what the Kuwaitis want as well." one Western diplomat told Reuters.

According to diplomats, the "They are believed to be await- Algerians have put together a mediation team containing some particularly Iran to decide what of the most important men in the

The sponsors say their message

last week.

Jewish leaders upset over subway advertisements in Boston BOSTON (AP) — Jewish leaders is only an attack on U.S. policy in are upset over political ads Israel and an endorsement of appearing in Boston subway cars self-determination for Palestinians. But rabbis and other lead-Israeli soldiers subduing an Arab ers among greater Boston's and the words "Your tax dollars 180,000 Jews contend the ads are

> The advertisements include a photograph of seven Israeli soldiers, guns raised, subduing a

Palestinian boy. The accompanying text reads: "Your tax dollars pay for the violence in the Israeli occupied territories. Since December, thousands of Palestinians have been shot, beaten and tear-gassed by the Israeli military. Every year

the U.S. sends more than \$4

billion in military and economic aid to Israel. Isn't it time to speak out? No aid for the occupation."

Rabbi Richard Yellin of congregation of Mishkan Tefila in Newton sees the ads as "blatantly anti-Zionist, blatantly anti-

Yellin said he tried to get the transit authority to remove the ads. But he gave up in the face of arguments that the U.S. Constitution's right of free expression protects the ads and the people

who put them up. Vincent Carbona, spokesman for the transit authority, said the

advertisements were installed af-

ter legal advisers approved them. Melani McAlister. Middle East staffer at Mobilisation for Survival in Cambridge, denied charges the ads attack Jews.

"We really believe we're standing with Israelis and with Jews and Palestinians who support peace and a negotiated peace, McAlister said.

"People would have to distort what's there to see it as anti-Semitic," she said, adding that the organisation also works to combat anti-Semitism and racism. "People have to learn to separate Israeli government poli-

enough," Mubarak said.

Palestinians keep up protests

(Continued from page 1)

near Hebron when they tried to visit relatives in a detention centre, Arab sources said. In Jerusalem, an army helicopter flew surveillance over the

city's two main mosques as

thousands of worshipers gathered

to pray.
After prayers, 250 Arabs circled Al Aqsa Mosque waving a Palestinian flag. They shouted nationalist and religious slogans and threw rocks and empty bottles at police posted in the area. AP photographer Max Nash saw police detain five boys aged

seven to nine who were caught throwing rocks near one of the northern entrances to the walled Old City. Dozens of Israeli hikers marched near the West Bank village

of Beita where the Israeli girl and two Palestinians were killed in a clash last week.

The hikers protested the large

army radio said. Romam Aldubi, a 26-year-old soldier who guarded the hikers last week, was beaten on the head

number of troops guarding them

had spoiled their 'fun," Israei

in the clash and has never regained consciousness. An army report leaked to Israeli media indicates he may have accidentally fired the shot that killed Tirza. On Friday, Israel's military commander in the West Bank Amram Mitzna visited Aldubi at

Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital. Also Friday, military panels began hearing the appeals of five out of twelve Palestinians ordered expelled this week on 2. charges of leading anti-occupa-

tion protests. On Thursday, Israeli troops shot and killed two Palestinians after demonstrators pelted them with rocks and cinder blocks, bring the Arab death toll to 146 since the uprising broke out Dec.

Mohammad Hussein Fadiallah (Continued from page 1)

KUNA directly linked Iran Friday for the first time to the

spatch from Algiers, said some of the hijackers were believed to be waiting for instructions from Iran

boarded the Boeing 747 in the northeastern Iranian city of Mashhad, where the gunmen first forced it to land after seizing it.

tions," the agency said.

has occurred in the negotiations,"

"We are against the hijacking of planes, ships or cars. This is completely rejected..." Sheikh

Hijack talks make little progress

"We don't see the hijacking of reject the killing and torture of

phere for negotiations.

Kuwaiti's daily Al Qabas reported Friday that the hijackers had reduced their demands to the release of two of the 17 convicts - a Lebanese man who goes by the false name of Fuad Elias Saab, condemned to death, and Yousuf Hussein Musawi, serving life. The paper said that demand also was rejected by the Kuwaitis.

Extravaganza marks anniversary

(Continued from page 1) assumed his constitutional powers. The anniversary falls on May

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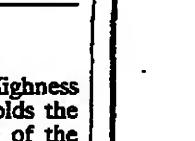
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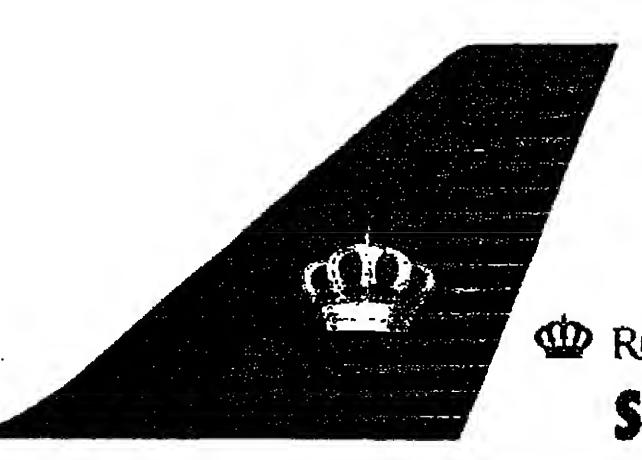
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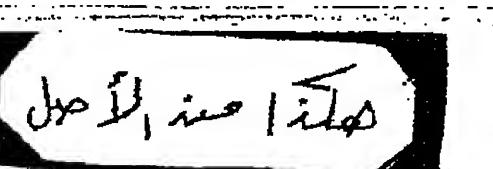
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Iran set to impose tighter restrictions

TEHRAN (R) — Iran is ready to impose tighter economic controls after the expected triumph of a radical Islamic faction in parliamentary elections.

Ali Majedi, first deputy minister of economy and finance, said in an interview the measures would include tax increases, more controls on the private sector, and a bigger government role in It opposes tax rises. the economy.

The measures would be put into law after results of all 270 seats of the Majlis (parliament) were declared, he added.

He supports attempts by radicals, who favour the public sector, to bring about economic reforms. The radicals broke from the conservative wing of the country's Muslim clergymen in the run-up to last Friday's poll.

Majedi said the economy, burdened by the war with Iraq, had picked up after a year of stagnation and would show modest growth in the year which ended on March 20. This was due to a 14 per cent rise in agricultural production and an increase in oil revenues.

Estimated oil revenue in 1987-88 was \$8.6 billion, up from \$5.6 billion the previous year, according to figures given in the parliamentary budget debate. Projected revenue in 1988-89 is \$9

Majedi said election results so far confirmed the dominance of the radicals in the next Majlis. assuring the passage of economic reform bills held up by the Guardian Council.

The council, composed of 12 Muslim theologians and lawyers, ensures that parliamentary decisions are not at odds with Islamic principles or Iran's 1979 constitu-

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.

Treasury Secretary James Baker

warned the Third World Thurs-

day against what he called "the

lured sailors to shipwreck with

an overall reduction of Third

World debts, which now amount

risk on private commercial bank

debt to the international financial

governments — which we are

certainly not prepared to accept."

Other leaders of industrial

countries backed his view at a

meeting of the Interim Commit-

tee, which makes major decisions

for the International Monetary

to more than \$1 trillion.

their singing.

he said.

In Greek mythology, the sirens

Baker opposed proposals for

"Such schemes merely shift the

siren song of debt forgiveness."

Baker warns against 'siren

song of debt forgiveness'

outlook for poor states WASHINGTON (AP) — Pros-

pects for economic growth in The conservative wing, in the wealthier industrial countries majority in the council but in the have improved in the past six minority in the outgoing parliamonths but the outlook for poor ment, wants looser economic countries has dropped sharply, controls and some privatisation. according to an International Monetary Fund (IMF) report re-Majedi said he was confident leased Thursday. the Majlis would agree to a plan

years by 80 per cent from 1,030

billion rivals (\$15.3 billion) in

Deficit projected at \$15b

to the growing cost of the war, is

projected at 1,000 billion rivals

(\$15 billion) for 1988-89. Majedi

said the government kept infla-

tion in 1987-88 at the previous

munity, which played a crucial

role in overthrowing the shah in

1979, opposes the economic re-

forms. They would be the hardest

hit by the tax increases, which

conservatives in parliament have

Iran's spiritual leader. Ayatol-

lah Rubollah Khomeini

appeared to back the radicals

when he urged people to vote for

candidates who were for "Islam

of the poor, and not those identi-

fied with American-style Islam."

bluntly: "We must have a

socialistic economy, tempered by

Fund. The fund is owned by 151

governments, most of them in

Third World countries with sub-

are unhelpful in practise because

so long as (debtors and creditors)

are encouraged to hope that a

fairy godmother will come along

and wipe out the debt at little or

no cost to either, they will hold

back from facing the full reality of

the situation." said Nigel Law-

son, the British Chancellor of the

Gerhard Stoltenberg, speaking

for the 12 countries of the Euro-

strong adjustment policies deserve

strong financial support... it is not

the responsibility of governments

to take over the risks of banks."

pean Community, said:

West German Finance Minister

"Countries which pursue

"Proposals for global solutions

Islamic considerations.

stantial debts.

Exchequer.

Habib Shirazi, board secretary of Iran's central bank, put it more

criticised as un-Islamic.

The powerful merchant com-

year's level of 20 per cent.

The IMF predicted that prices to raise income tax and impose a paid by consumers in the Third value added tax of about 10 per World will rise by 46.7 per cent in cent on non-essential goods. 1988, about twice what it pro-He said the measures would jected last October. raise revenues over the next three

IMF predicts

gloomy

For the industrial countries inflation was put a three per cent, or 0.3 of one percentage point less than the earlier prediction.

Lower income growth

Total income growth in the The budget deficit, mainly due Third World was placed at 3.7 per cent instead of the 4.4 per cent forecast earlier.

For industrial countries the new growth figure was listed as three per cent, up one-tenth of a percentage point.

"An important positive development in 1987 was the strengthening of policy coordination among the major industrial countries," said the fund in its new World Economic Outlook.

"The U.S. federal budget deficit fell substantially, as did deficits in other large countries with troublesome fiscal positions," it

A country gets into a "troublesome fiscal position" when its government fails to collect enough taxes to cover its ex-

The fund said the three most influential Latin American countries — Brazil, Mexico and Argentina — have had serious setbacks in curbing inflation and there are signs of rising prices elsewhere. Fund officials said they doubted if their governments can do anything effective to stabilise them.

Much of the sluggishness in growth was blamed on a slowdown in India caused by drought, and to lower pay and less investment in Brazil because of rising inflation.

Growth in China, South Korea and Taiwan, on the other hand, was called "particularly

For the leading industrial countries, the fund made predictions for both 1988 and 1989 on the assumption that government policies and exchange rates do not

In the United States and Britain it forecast a slowdown in production and unemployment. Higher unemployment

In Japan, the report said, production will rise more slowly than in the past: 4.2 per cent in 1987, 4.1 per cent in 1988 and 3.8 per cent in 1989.

Unemployment, stuck at 2.8 per cent for three years, was predicted to go up to three per cent in 1989.

The villa consists of:

and two bathrooms.

Jordan opens trade fair in Tunis

TUNIS (Petra) — Jordan has opened its third trade fair in Tunis, displaying a variety of national products.

The ten-day fair was opened by Tunisian National Economy Minister Salahuddin Iba Mubarak who praised the excellent quality of Jordanian goods.

"This trade fair is another good opportunity for orienting the Tunisian public on the different types of Jordanian products and will no doubt bolster Jordanian-Tunisian trade and economic ties," the minister said.

The minister voiced his Tunisian satisfaction with the existing cooperation with Jordan, being conducted through a joint Jordanian-Tunisian economic committee.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Minis-

try of Public Works and Housing

has decided to reconstruct a road

linking the Queen Alia Interna-

tional Airport highway and Umm

The two lane, 11-kilometre

stretch needs reconstruction be-

cause of weak earth layers have

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's

trade with Hungary was discussed

at a meeting held here Thursday

between Jordan Agricultural

Marketing and Processing Com-

pany (JAMPCO) Director

General Ghazi Abu Hassan and

WASHINGTON (AP) — The

56,000 residents of Bermuda

were the world's most prosperous

in 1986, with an average income

of \$20,420 a year, the World

The Swiss ranked next highest

The figures do not reflect the

drop the U.S. dollar has taken

against the Swiss franc and other

currencies since 1986, the latest

year for which the bank has com-

The annual report noted that

the income figures do not neces-

sarily correlate directly with liv-

ing standards, because prices and

styles of life differ from country

Following the top three, the

The average figure for Japan

Citizens of Brunei, whose aver-

was \$12,850, West Germany

\$12,080, France \$10,740 and Bri-

age income surpassed those of the

United States in 1985, dropped to

\$15,400 because of the dip

in the price of oil, the major

income rankings dropped con-

with average incomes of \$17,840,

and U.S. citizens were third with

\$17,500, the report said.

Bank reports.

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garden, a swimming pool. Design is modern and finishing is

Al Amad.

Ministry to rebuild part

of road leading to airport

Jordan, Hungary discuss trade

Report finds Bermudans,

Swiss most prosperous

products." This positive development is bound to lead to further and more expanded cooperation between Jordan and Tunisia in launching joint ventures and conducting joint scientific research work,

Ibn Mubarak noted. Jordan's ambassador to Tunisia, Sataan Al Hassan, who was present at the opening ceremony, expressed hope that the trade fair will contribute towards opening more avenues of bilateral cooperation in economic, trade and

rendered the asphalted road un-

suitable for vehicles with heavy

axial weights, according to the

He said that work on the recon-

struction will begin before the

end of April once arrangements

the Hungarian commercial

attache in Amman in the pre-

sence of a representative of

ing Jordanian agricultural pro-

export of the small sultanate on

The bank omitted figures for

The lowest figure listed was

many countries, including war-

torn Afghanistan and Angola.

\$120 a year per citizen in Ethiopia.

which has been plagued by

drought and ravaged by armed

The report said that in Burkina

No estimate was made for the

Faso, in Western Africa, the

average annual income is \$150.

Soviet Union, which does not

belong to the bank. The average

for China was placed at \$300,

down from \$320 in 1985 despite

official Chinese claims of rapidly

The report noted that average

Some have seen a steady drop

since 1973, including Bolivia, the

Central African Republic,

Gabon, Guyana, Guinea-Bissau,

Gambia, Guatemala, Honduras,

Madagascar, Nicaragua, Nigeria,

South Africa, Tanzania and Zam-

On another subject, the report

said babies born in Australia and

France had a life expectancy of 78

years, Spanish, Swiss, Dutch,

Norwegian, Swedish and Icelan-

dic babies could all expect 77

years, and those born in the

heating, telephone and garage.

Location: Shmeisani, near Birds Garden.

United States 76 years.

incomes have been decreasing in

many Third World countries.

increasing prosperity.

bia, the report said.

revolts.

Discussion centred on barter-

Hungarian state companies.

ducts for Hungarian goods.

for detours have been made.

ministry's secretary general.

industrial fields. "Thanks to the committee's

The ambassador said that the efforts," he said, "trade between the two Arab countries has begoods displayed at the fair represent a portion of the Jordanian come three-fold in volume. enabling the two sides to exnational products produced by more than 8,000 industrial orgachange agricultural, pharmaceutical, industrial and other nisations and factories.

Present at the opening ceremony was Jordan's Labour and Social Development Minister Rashid Ureikat who accompanied the Tunisian minister on a tour of the fair's sections and heard a briefing on the different products.

The trade fair displays leather, plastic and pharmaceutical products, cosmetics, kitchens, food supplies, agricultural goods, oriental souvenirs and traditional products among other different

NEWS IN BRIEF

TENDER: The village council of

Wadi Al Yabes in the northern

Jordan Valley region has

announced a JD 20,000 tender for

BREAD: The Ministry of Supp-

ly's automated bakeries will soon

produce special kind of bread for

diabetics. It said that the price of

the new type of bread will be

POWER: The Jordan Electricity

Authority (JEA) has supplied

electric power to the village of

Madie' at the cost of JD 47,000.

JEA officials said the project

entailed laying 33-kilovolt power

lines, the installation of trans-

formation stations and fixing 45

BUILDING: Ider Municipality

in Karak governorate has com-

pleted work on a new municipal-

ity building, which cost JD

45,000, and the construction of

18,000 square metres of streets,

work on beautifying the town

apart from repairing roads and

BUDGET: Municipal and Rural

Affairs and Environment Minis-

ter Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber has

approved of a JD 72,000 budget

for the town of Sammou'. Sam-

mou' Mavor Walid Nwafleh said

that the allocations in the budget

for 1988 will finance the construc-

tion of a health centre, roads and

purchases of plots of land for

ROAD: A road linking Wadi

Hammad with Yarouth in Qasr

region was completed in the past

year, at the cost of JD 139,000,

according to Karak Public Works

Department Director Ghazi Al

Madadha. He said that apart

from constructing the eight-

kilometre stretch the department

opened and asphalted smaller

roads at a total cost of nearly JD

CHARITIES: Charitable

societies in Balga Governorate

last year received JD 15,625 from

the General Union of Voluntary

Societies (GUVS), according to

an official report. At least 27

charitable societies benefited

from this assistance to allow them

to carry out their humanitarian

services, according to the report.

public use.

posts to carry the cables.

fixed once production starts.

asphalting roads.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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5.8650/8700 6.1920/70

Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen Danish crowns U.S. dollars

U.S. dollar

Canadian dollar

Deutschemarks

Dutch guilders

6.3900/50 453.70/454.20 One ounce of gold

Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The national share market regained some ground in late trading but closed sharply lower after strong selling pressure earlier. The All Ordinaries was down 30.7 at 1,436.8.

TOKYO - Share prices closed down following a 101-point overnight tumble on Wall Street, triggered by a larger-thanexpected \$13.83 billion U.S. trade deficit. The Nikkei index lost 217.78 to 26,893.57.

HONG KONG — Stocks closed sharply lower following the U.S. trade data. The Hang Seng Index was down 35.18 at 2,598.95 SINGAPORE — The market closed sharply lower across the board on selling pressure and profit-taking in moderate trading.

The Straits Times industrial index dropped 23.67 to 933.44. BOMBAY — Share prices closed mixed in limited bouts of buying and selling, with cautious investors hesitant to extend commitments. Tata Steel fell 8.75 rupees to 671.25 but Associated Cement rose 2.0 to 143.

FRANKFURT - Shares dropped sharply in line with other

international markets after Thursday's surprise news of a widening in the U.S. trade deficit. The Commerzbank index, set at mid-session, fell 27 to 1,386.3. ZURICH — Prices closed easier but above earlier lows in

moderate trading. The All Share Swiss Index was down 9.5 at PARIS - Prices ended lower but recovered from most of their

early slide after bargain-hunters moved in.

LONDON — Prices remained nervously weaker in late trading, shadowing virtually every movement on Wall Street. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 10.4 at 1,776.8.

NEW YORK — Stocks fell sharply in morning trading after early bottom-fishing in the blue chips had ended. The Dow was down 25 to 1,980.

U.S. trade deficit widens

according to Mayor Nayel Maaita. He said that the municipality will this year purchase a land for an important development project and will carry out

U.S. trade deficit widened dra- ficit above \$12 billion in February matically in February to \$13.8 billion, its biggest shortfall since October and the second consecutive monthly jump," the government said Thursday.

exports rose \$1.4 billion from January's \$12.4 billion imba-

ary deficit would shrink slightly, said that a widening deficit would day by the finance ministers of the value of the U.S. dollar.

For the first two months of present level. 1988, the deficit is running at an annual rate of \$157.6 billion, below the record \$171.2 billion of to 8.1 million, the highest they last year but still worse than second highest imbalance of As a result, the trade deficit with \$156.2 billion in 1986, the Com-

tured goods, oil and farm products increased by \$2.3 billion in February. Leading the surge were imports of electrical equipment from abroad, up \$323 million, and auto and truck parts, up \$298

smaller \$1.3 billion from

Analysts had anticipated an im-

pressure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mic consulting firm, said any dewould be viewed as a sign that the nation's trade problems are far from over and that the deliberate 36 per cent devaluation of the dollar over the last three years is

the trade imbalance.

The excess of imports over not having the intended effect on

Analysts, who had largely pre- considerable pressure" toward dicted beforehand that the Februput sharp downward pressure on the world's seven largest indust-

merce Department said.

million. U.S. exports also rose, but by a

provement in the trade balance in February because of the normally slack winter demand for imported goods, lower oil prices and the fact that the month is the shortest of the year.

Dollar may come under

On the eve of Thursday's report. Allen Sinai of the First Boston Co., a New York econo-

As a result, Sinai said, "The dollar is going to come under

further devaluation despite the renewed commitment Wednesrial powers to keep it at its U.S. oil imports jumped 1.2 million barrels a day in February

have been since September 1986. members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries Imports of foreign manufac- shot up by \$270 million over January to \$1.3 billion.

The deficit with Japan, the country with the largest trade surplus with the United States, also increased dramatically, by \$700 million to nearly \$5.1 bil-

It widened also with the socalled newly industrialised countries - Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea - but

by a much smaller \$44 million to \$2.8 billion. Imports of manufactured goods from abroad increased by \$2.3 billion in February and were \$1.8

billion higher than the monthly average of \$27.1 billion in 1987. But U.S. manufacturers also fared well in February, raising their exports by \$1.2 billion to

\$16.1 billion, the third highest month on record after November and December of last year.

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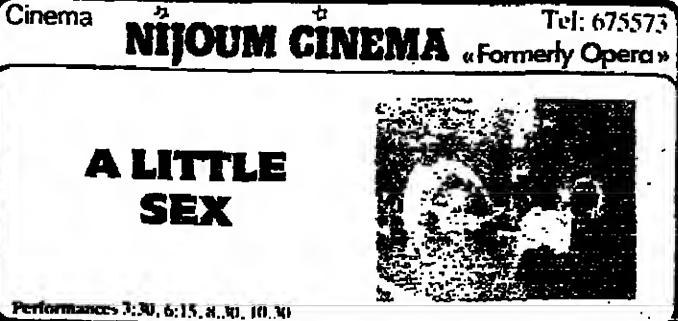
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Players and managers come to defence of centenary festival

LONDON (R) — The controversial centenary festival which will be held at Wembley this weekend to celebrate the founding of the English Football League in 1888 gained the belated supported of players and managers Friday.

The 16-years knockout competition comprising 40-minute minimatches has attracted widespread criticism from football fans and there are likely to be embarrassing gaps on the Wembley terraces Saturday and Sunday.

With around 300 players, managers and medical staff in attendance, cynics reckon the most competitive aspect of the tournament will be the scramble for clothes books in the temporary changing rooms at the nearby Wembley arena.

Another richly entertaining contest should be the "quote of the day" contest in a makeshift interview room in the bowels of Wembley stadium where 16 football managers will leave no stone unturned in their search for cliches.

The 16 qualifiers, representing all four levels of the Football League, include such contrasting powers as First Division championselect Liverpool, who meet Newscastle United in the first round, and Fourth Division Tranmere Rovers.

GOREN BRIDGE

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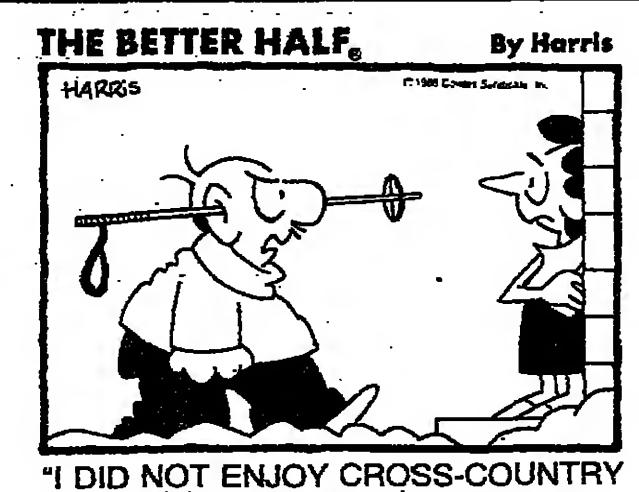
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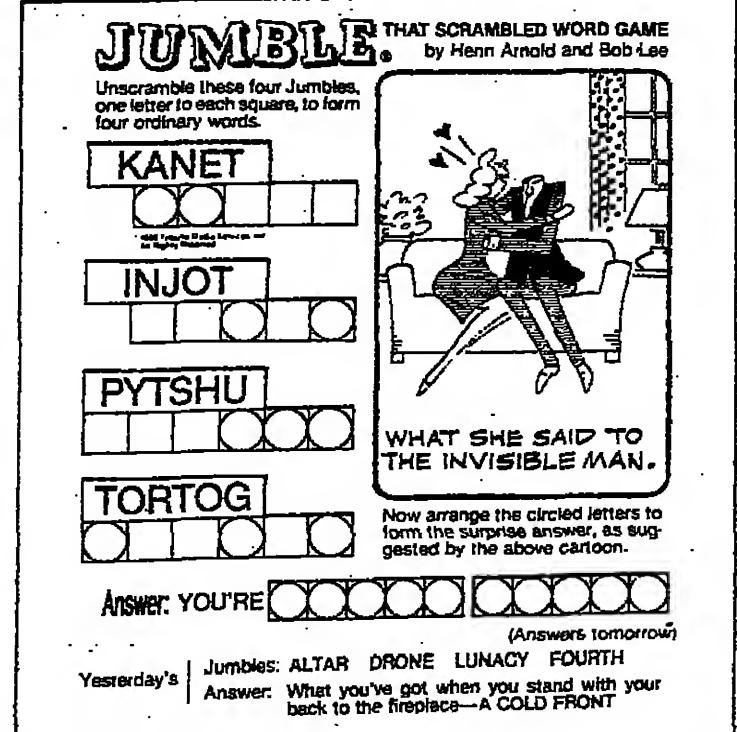
no trump was a good contract.

Unfortunately, South's play did not measure up to his bidding. West wisely chose not to give declarer a trick and the tempo by leading a spade. Instead, he elected to lead from his diamond holding. To make sure of a trick in the suit, declarer followed low from dummy. East's queen won, and he wasted no time in getting a spade on the table. As a result, the defenders took the first eight tricks—six spades and two

Decigrer forgot all about his main tra diamond loser was of no consequence whatsoever. What was critical was to keep East off lead. To the uninitiated, it might seem like a pure guess as to whether East held the queen or ace of diamonds. Not so. If East held the ace, there was no way he could be stopped from gaining the lead. Therefore, the crucial case was where East held the queen. To stop that card from becoming an entry, declarer had to play the king of diamonds at trick one. That would have produced a swing of five tricks and the contract.



SKIING AND I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT!"



AMMAN (J.T.) - Simo Lampinen, the original "Flying Finn." arrives Monday in Amman to conduct a rally school for Royal Jordanian Silk Cut Team drivers His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah and Nabil Karam. Other Jordanian rally drivers including Hani Bisharat and Issa Halaby will also be invited to attend the sessions, in preparation for the Jordan International Rally June 15, 16 and 17.

Suheil Marar, manager of the Royal Jordanian Silk Cut Team, said Lampinen, through in-car instruction, will advise drivers about the finer points of driving in competition. The drivers should also gain a better understanding of the technical factors influencing rally cars at high speed. Marar added. He said this will be accomplished by the screening of videos, to be shown Thursday night at the Royal Automobile Club.

The term "Flying Finn" was coined because, since the early 1960s, observers of international rallies have been amazed to witness the talented Finns "airborne" in their rally cars over the famous "jumps" along the Rally of the 1000 Lakes route. Simo Lampinen was the first of the illustrious group of world champions and stardrivers from Finland, along with Timo Makinen, Timo Salonen, Juha Kankkunen, Karkku Alen, Hannu Mikkola and Ari Vatanen.

Driving mainly Saabs and Lancias, Lampinen has won many World Championship railies, including 1000 Lakes in 1963, '64 and '72; the British RAC in '68; Portugal, '70; Morocco, '72 and Austria '72. He placed second three times in the 1000 Lakes, as well as the Swedish Rally. He was also second in the Acropolis, Portugal, Moroeco and Canada international rallies and was national champion of Finland several times.

Lampinen is president of the largest association for automobile sport in Finland, with 32,000 members in 197 clubs. He is vice president of the Finnish Automobile Sport Federation.

Lampinen, 45, comes to Amman from Kenya, where he was a steward for the Safari Rally. When not involved in rallying, he runs a ski production business founded by his grandfuther in 1901.



Suheil Marar (left), manager of the Royal Jordanian Silk Cut Team and Simo Lampinen, the original "Flying Finn," confer at the Rally of the

1000 Lakes last August in Finland. Lampinen is married, with two sons who are

actively involved in motorcycle racing. Also arriving in Amman Monday is Ilpo Rouru, marketing manager of the Rally of the 1000 Lakes. Rouru hopes to secure further Jordanian participation in the Rally of the 1000 Lakes. following Hani Bisharat's successful finish in last

Seoul keeps top American athletes out of Boston Marathon

BOSTON (R) -- Virtually all the try's top men and women will leading American athletes will be conspicuous by their absence

when the 92nd Boston Marathon is staged Monday.

The world's oldest organised marathon comes just six days before the U.S. Olympic qualifying trials and most of the coun-

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Use

this carefree, relaxing day to look

into many new creative outlets

which appeal to you, although you

hadn't explored them before. Avoid

any arguments over money or

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) If you

look at your activities from a new

point of view, you will increase your

chances for advancement. Make it

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be

sure you don't try to force your

ideas and opinions on anyone to-

day, or you will greatly regret it.
Get plenty of rest tonight.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

Stop worrying over a private mat-

ter that is really not worth so much

concern. It may not be wise to com-

pletely trust your judgment.
MOON CHILDREN June 22 to

Jul. 21) Steer clear of an acquain-

tance who is full of ego - and little

and gain much greater prestige. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) If you

take a little trip today, make sure it is to a place where you can do

something of a constructive nature.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)

THE Daily Crossword by Harold B. Counts

Show appreciation for your friends.

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miss Boston in the hope of clinching their trip to Seoul. But the world's best foreign

runners will be out in force over the demanding hills which comprise much of the historic race distance of 26 miles 385 yards (42.195 kilometres).

who wants to lead you in the wrong

direction. Instead, spend your time

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If

you have a little at-home project

which needs to be done, make sure

you have all the correct tools and

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Get together with a fun-loving

friend, and enjoy a pleasant recrea-

tion together. Don't let a co-worker

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

If you have some ideas to make

your home life more charming and

opinion before using them.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

This is a good time to catch up on

correspondence with friends from a

long distance away. Don't waste

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Now

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listen to the advice of a neighbor.

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From the Carroll Righter Institute

Three nations — Finland, Kenya and Tanzania — will use the Boston event as their own 1988 Olympic trials.

Britain's Steve Jones, second last year, is one of the favourites to take the winner's prize of \$45,000 and a \$35,000 car.

Jones finished runner-up to Japan's Toshihiko Seko, who is not running here this year, when the Japanese clocked two hours 11 minutes 50 seconds in 1987. The course record, set by Australian Rob de Castella in 1986, is 2:07.51.

Jones should be tested by compatriot Geoff Smith, the Boston winner in 1984 and 1985, who now lives in Massachusetts.

Kenyan Ibrahim Hussein, who won the New York and Honolulu marathons last year, could be one of the pacesetters, as should Tanzanian Juma Ikangaa.

The Italians may also prove tough to beat. They have two strong runners in Gelindo Bordin, who won the European Championship in 1986, and Orlando Pizzolato, second in Bordin in the European event. and winner of the 1984 and 1985 New York marathons.

In the woman's field, Portugal's Rosa Mota is the hot favourite after winning the 1987 race by nearly four minutes in a time of 2:25.21.

'Flying Finn' to conduct rally school McEnroe, Edberg reach Tokyo tennis semifinals

TOKYO (Agencies) — American John McEnroe scored a hard-fought 7-6 (10-8), 7-6 (9-7) victory Friday over Shuzo Matsuoka and, along with top-seeded Stefan Edberg, advanced to semifinals of the men's singles in the \$752,500 Japan Open Championships.

Sweden's Edberg, ranked third in the world, romped over Australian Brad Drewett 6-4, 6-3 in an earlier match on the hard courts of Ariake Tennis Park. McEnroe, ranked No. 1 in the world for four years starting in shot. 1981, is competing in his first major tournament since the U.S.

Open last September. Now ranked 15th, McEnroe 6-2. and 20-year-old Matsuoka, rank-In the first of two tiebreakers,

ed 273rd, each held serve through the 12th game of the first set. Matsuoka led 4-1 but McEnroe set, blasting an ace and then Swedish Davis Cup player Mikael victory.

hitting a cross-court winner. In the second set, each player again held serve until the tiebreaker, but at 7-7 McEnroe got a service winner and then Matsuoka hit the net with a forehand

bert of the United States, who beat compatriot David Pate 6-3,

McEnroe will face Brad Gil-

"His ground stroke and passing shot are accurate," McEnroe said of Gilbert, the No. 4 seed here

and ranked 10th in the world. Edberg defeated Australian

Pernfors 6-3, 6-4, Mayotte did not relish the prospect of facing further-Swedish opposition in the semifinals and said: at this point. Edberg is a much more dangerous player

than McEnroe. The enthralling 125-minute quarter-final between McEnroe and Matsuoka was dominated by serve, with neither player being broken throughout the match as both sets went to tiebreaks.

In the first set tiebreak. Matsuoka led 4-1 and had two set points at 6-4 before McEnroe fought back to take it 10-8.

The pattern was reversed in the second set tiebreak when McEnroe, who maintained the good behaviour he was shown all week in Tokyo, going 6-4 in front only to hauled back to 7-7 by the dogged Japanese.

McEnroe, who faced 11 aces by used a strong serve to tie it 7-7 Brad Drewett 6-4, 6-3 and num- the big-serving Matsuoka, then and 8-8. McEnroe finally took the ber three seed Mayotte overcame took the next two points for

Budd's career remains a mystery

LONDON (Agencies) — To take to interpret the phrase "taking said. part, or not to take part.

That was the vital question Friday as South African-born runner Zola Budd faced the top brass of world athletics over a technicality that threatened to wreck her international career or open the door to a boycott of the Summer Olympic Games at

Budd, who became a British citizen 4 years ago but has been plagued ever since by anti-apartheid demonstrations and accusations that she has returned too often to her homeland, was hoping to save her future by pleading she had broken no rules. Some critics have warned that the Seoul Olympics would be

vulnerable to an African boycott unless Friday's meeting extended the current suspension on Budd. Her case depended upon how te sport's elite, the 23 members of the International Amateur Athle-

tic Federation Council, interpreted its own rules. The council, opening a two-day meeting at a downtown hotel. was investigating allegations that

the 21-year-old Budd participated in a South African meet in June last year. The allegations, which first surfaced in a South African newspap-

er, led to Budd pulling out of last month's World Cross-Country Championships in Auckland, New Zealand, averting a threatened walkout by black African nations.

South Africa is barred by most international sports federations, including track and field, because of its policy of racial separation, apartheid.

While it looked into the charges, the IAAF suspended Budd from further competition despite the fact that she stre-

stake as the council decided how

nuously denied she raced. She did admit, however, that she was present at the Brakpan event and that was the issue at

As Budd waited anxiously to hear her fate, she reiterated her

"I'm innocent of all charges," she said. "I haven't done anything wrong, and I'm reasonably confident that justice will be

Her coach, John Bryant, described the allegations as "contrived and spurious." He said he didn't know which way the meeting would go but added there was only one fair result.

"If they ban her, it'll be a farce in terms of justice," Bryant said. "It's very difficult to predict what will happen, but Zola hasn't broken any rules... it's fairly clear there's been a witch hunt, but I'm hopeful that a fair verdict will be delivered."

Bryant warned that Budd might turn to the courts if the decision went against her and she was further suspended or banned

"In the unlikely event that some credibility is given to these allegations, she's so keen to get back into action that she could consider legal action," he said. The IAAF imposed a news blackout on the eve of the meet-

be issued on the Budd case until its conclusion. But it was clear that even if the council members agree Budd did not run in South Africa, they still

ing, saying no statements would

could bar her if they decide that by being at the meet, she participated in it. "It is the interpretation of the

phrase 'taking part' that is at the crux of this whole matter," said Tony Ward, spokesman for the British Amateur Athletic Board, which backs Budd.

"You can't manipulate the law compromising position of the to suit a morale stance. Certainly there are people who feel Zola has spent too much time in South Africa in the last four years but she has broken no rules," Ward refusing to play in South Africa.

Friday's meeting marked the biggest test yet of Budd's eligibility to compete for her adopted country since emigrating here four months before the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics by virtue of her paternal grandfather being born British.

Since she set foot on British soil as a shy spindly teen-ager, Budd has won two World Cross Country Championships and broken two long distance world But her career in recent major

events has suffered a down-turn as opponents stepped up their political campaign, charging her with carrying a passport of convenience and being insincere in her motives for leaving South

"The question is not just a matter of the legality of a British passport but one of morality and sincerity," said Amadou Lamine Ba, general secretary of the supreme council for sport in Africa. "Since competing for Britain... Budd has repeatedly returned (to South Africa). We cannot stand by while other people act insincerely in order to avoid international regulations."

Nevertheless," it said, "South Africa managed to attract a fair number of rather second-rate sportsmen and women.

National Panasonic helped bring in an Australian "rebel cricket team," and the First National Bank of South Africa funded the tour of a South Pacific "rebel" rugby team and afterwards pledged millions for a soccer stadium, according to the report.

of national and individual action in support of the convention, including what it termed the unsports authorities of Bermuda Pakistani cricketer Imran Khan was quoted as having turned down "quite a lot of money" in

It also cited several examples

Peanuts







Mutt'n' Jeff









Andy Capp









U.S. servicewoman killed

Police look for suspect meets in Naples bomb attack China's

NAPLES, Italy (R) — Italian police Friday named a Japanese suspect in a car-bomb attack that killed five people outside a U.S. military club in Naples Thursday night.

The bomb was almost certainly planted by a Japanese urban guerrilla also wanted for a bomb attack at the U.S. embassy in Rome last year, a senior police official said.

Romano Argenio, head of the Naples section of Italy's Digos anti-terrorist police, told Reuters in an interview that the suspect was Junzo Okudaira, 39, believed to be a member of the Japanese Red Army guerrilla group.

One American servicewoman and four Italians were killed and 15 people wounded when the powerful car bomb went off outside a U.S. military club near the Naples port while a party was going on in the basement.

Argenio said Okudaira was known for his expertise with explosives and often worked on behalf of other countries, often

Middle Eastern ones. Okudaira had already been the subject of an international arrest warrant for a crude grenade and missile attack against the U.S. embassy in Rome on June 9, 1987, as a summit of leading western industrialised nations was starting in Venice.

The embassy was damaged but there were no injuries.

"The presence of a Red Army guerrilla does not rule out the likelihood of others being involved... They are technical experts who often act for a third party." Argenio said.

Argenio said police were still investigating several claims of responsibility for the bombing

made in the name of various A man speaking fluent Italian telephoned a radio station early

Friday, saying: "Justice has been done in the name of Lebanese Argenio said he could not exclude a possibility that the bomb attack was connected with the

second anniversary of U.S. bombing raids against Libyan "It is quite likely that an Arab country may be involved," Argenio said. adding that it was be-

lieved Okudaira had already left Naples but probably not Italy. A man also telephoned an international news agency in Rome and claimed responsibility for the attack in the name of the "Jihad

Brigades. "We take full responsibility for blowing up the American military centre. Imperialist Americans must die two years after their bar-

barous attack against the Libyan Arab state," the caller said. The caller warned American targets would continue to be hit in order to overthrow im-

Argenio said the car used for the bomb — a white Ford Fiesta with Milan plates — had been rented from a Naples agency by an Asian man who used the name Liao Willy Liw.

The police official said the name was false and that the rental agent had been shown a photograph of Okudaira and identified him as the man who rented the

"The man who hired the car is the same man in the identikit," Argenio said, adding that the Japanese man had stayed in a hotel near the club.

The bombing was the worst anti-American attack in Italy since 16 people died in an Arab guerrilla assault on U.S. and Israeli airline check-in counters at Rome airport on Dec. 27, 1985.

Argenio said he did not believe the attack was anti-NATO but strictly anti-American "because the club is used only by Americans, soldiers and civilians who can only bring in a limited number of guests."

The police official said security had been stepped up at U.S. installations in the Naples area. where the U.S. Sixth Fleet and the NATO Southern Command are based, as well as elsewhere in

Italian police had closed another servicemen's club in the city as a precaution.

Argenio said photos of Okudaira had been sent to all frontier posts, airports and road blocks had been thrown up around the Naples area.

In Rome, the American embassy offered its help to Italian authorities to find those responsible for the bombing.

"We strongly condemn this criminal act of violence and offer to the Italian authorities our collaboration in seeing to it that those responsible are brought to justice," an embassy spokesman

Italian President Francesco Cossiga sent a message to President Reagan offering sympathy for the American victims.

Dukakis leads New York polls; Koch backs Gore

NEW YORK (AP) - Senator Albert Gore Jr.. running a distant third in the Democratic presidential race, received the endorsement of New York Mayor Edward Koch, but three polls show frontrunner Michael Dukakis stands to win the biggest primary so far this season.

Dukakis. Gore and Jesse Jackson held a low-key debate Thursday night, the only clash occurring when Gore continued his criticism of Dukakis on the issue of use of nuclear weapons.

The April 19 New York primary has 255 delegates at stake, more than a tenth of the 2.082 needed for nomination. But while a victory in New York could provide a substantial lead in the delegate count for Dukakis or Jackson. Gore would still be behind even if he won all the dele-

The Associated Press' latest count shows Dukakis, the governor of Massachusetts, with 842.15. Jackson with 730.1 and Gore with 415.55.

Jackson's chances in New York has appeared to receive a boost from New York Governor Mario Cuomo this week when the influential governor was generous in his praise. But Thursday, Cuomo said Jackson's lack of experience in elective office could hurt him if he won the nomina-

Koch pegged his endorsement of Gore on the Tennessee senator's support of Israel --- a critical issue in New York's large Jewish population — saying Gore was "head and shoulders" above the other two Democrats.

Koch said he would back Jackson if he became the party nominee "not because of his positions but because he would be less destructive of the country than George Bush."

Dukakis led Jackson by 45 per cent to 28 per cent in a CBS News poll. 46 per cent to 34 per cent in a Marist College poll and 49 per cent to 34 per cent in an ABC News-Washington Post poll. Gore had only 8 per cent support in two polls and 7 per cent in the

Racial issues

Earlier Thursday, Jackson denounced President Ronald Reagan. Koch and others for making race and religion issues in the U.S. presidential campaign.

The preacher-turned-politician read a lengthy speech to the annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington, in which he also expounded his "Jackson Doctrine" of foreign affairs.

"The next president must know the world and have a realistic understanding of our possibilities," Jackson said. "Our policy must be changed. ...we must change our course or lose our

He called for "a new realism" in U.S. policies and a halt to the race to modernise the superpowers' nuclear arsenals.

Asked about those who say the United States is "not ready for a black president," Jackson said such conclusions are the result of "journalistic incest" among those who have not gotten out among Americans to learn how much the

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nation has grown.

"We went across the South on Super Tuesday without a single catcall or boo, without a single ugly sign at a mass meeting," Jackson said. Then he launched his criticism

of those who have raised race in advance of Tuesday's New York state primary.

"It was not until we got north to New York that the litmus tests of race and religion became spouted from the mouths of pubhe officials without a significant media challenge," Jackson said. "...then joined in yesterday by the president and then joined in today by Ms. (Geraldine) Fer-

raro," the Democrats 1984 vice president candidate. "I simply say some people are making hysteria while I'm making history," Jackson added later at a

news conference. Koch said recently that Jews would "have to be crazy" to vote for Jackson because of his posi-

tions on Israel. Reagan told the editors Wednesday that Jackson has been spared criticism because of the fear that comments would be interpreted as "some kind of ra-

cial attack. "That's a statement of trauma." Jackson told reporters after the editors' speech. "President Reagan no doubt feels the

pressure of our campaign. In a speech Wednesday night Ferraro lauded Jackson but added that if he "were not black. he wouldn't be in the race." She said Jackson could win neither the nomination nor the general

Aquino

PEKING (R) — Philippine President Corazon Aquino was given a 21-gun salute in a lavish welcoming ceremony in Peking Friday ahead of meetings with top Chinese leaders that were likely to focus on trade.

leaders

Guns echoed throughout Tiananmen Square in the heart of the Chinese capital as Aquino strode along a red carpet side by side with China's newly installed president Yang Shangkun and reviewed a People's Liberation

Army Honour Guard. Aquino who arrived in Peking Thursday night after a brief stop in a tiny southern village to pay respects to her ancestors, has had a special "hotline" installed to keep her in touch with Manila where troops were on full alert.

Aquino's press secretary said the 55-year-old president, making her first foreign visit in 18 months, was confident the military could hold the fort in her absence despite reports that escaped rebel Colonel Gregorio

Honasan was preparing to strike. Aquino was the first foreign head of state to meet Yang, a general who has given up his uniform for smart business suits. since he was named to the post a week ago.

"I congratulate you," she said. "I feel privileged to be the first president of a foreign country to be received by you."

She later met Premier Li Peng and was scheduled to make a visit to the Great Wall and dine with senior leaders at a state banquet Friday night.

Officials declined to disclose details of Aquino's talks but said earlier her meetings with Chinese leaders were likely to focus on how to boost trade between the two countries which stood at about \$300 million last year.

Other foreign ministry officials said Aquino was ready to brief Chinese officials on the status of talks to renegotiate terms of key U.S. military bases in the Philippines — if the Chinese side raised

"President Aquino will not bring this up but she will be prepared to provide some details if the Chinese side asks," said a Philippine official.

Western diplomats said China was eager to see the United States maintain its presence in the Philippines to counter Soviet influence in Vietnam.

Philippine officials said talks could also touch on the Spratly Islands, a string of coral reefs and atolls in the South China Sea that China claims in whole and the Philippines in part. China has

could be rich in oil. they expect to resolve the dispute peacefully with the Philippines and Malaysia, which also claims

some of the islands. Aquino is scheduled to leave for Hong Kong Saturday and will

return to the Philippines Sunday. The official New China News Agency said President Yang had accepted an invitation from Aquino to visit the Philippines. I did not say when he would make the trip.

It quoted Yang as saying China wanted to further its economic, cultural and technological cooperation with the Philippines. He was also quoted as praising

Aquino and the Philippine government for stabilising the country's political situation and making economic progress.

Zia says arms dump blast could be sabotage

ISLAMABAD (R) - President Muhammad Zia Ul Haq said Thursday he believed sabotage caused explosions at an Islamabad arms dump that killed 98 people, but he said an official enquiry would have the final

"It could be an accident, but in my own personal assessment it was a very effective act of sabotage," he said at a press lunch at his residence. "It couldn't be anything else.

He said he did not want to prejudice investigations into Sunday's blasts at Ojri arsenal and added an official enquiry would deliver the final verdict.

The explosions sent rockets and heavy ammunition raining down on built-up areas in the capital and its twin city Rawalpindi, blowing limbs off pedestrians and crushing buildings. About 1,100 people were wounded.

Zia said he thought saboteurs would have a wide range of motives for acting against Pakistan.

He did not identify any country or group as possible suspects. "There is an enquiry. It will tell us (the cause of the explosions),"

he said. He described as speculation reporters' suggestions that the Oiri arsenal had contained weapons destined for Pakistan-

based Afghan guerrillas fighting

the Soviet-backed Kabul govern-

"It is a military camp, a Pakis-

tani camp," he said. Pakistan acknowledges it is a conduit for United States- and Chinese-supplied weapons to the guerrillas but the Pakistani authorities have dismissed suggestions in the press that Ojri is a transit point on the arms pipeline.

On Tuesday Deputy Defence Minister Naeem Mahmud told parliament sabotage had not been ruled out.

Matter of shame

There has been widespread

public criticism of army security following the blasts at Ojri, which is situated in a built-up area. Mahmud said the explosions were a matter of shame for his ministry.

Pakistani authorities have in the past blamed the Afghan authorities for bomb explosions which have killed more than 250 people since the start of 1987. Kabul denies the charges.

Pakistan, which plays bost to three million Afghan refugees and supports the main guerrilla parties. Thursday signed a settlement with Kabul after six years of indirect talks through a U.N. mediator.

A U.S. military team is in Islamabad to investigate the explosions.

Asked if Oiri had contained weapons destined for the Mujahideen, a diplomatic source said Wednesday: "It was a Pakistani army depot, all controlled by the Pakistani Army. More than that I can't say."

Afghan accord provides for guerrilla bases shutdown

GENEVA (R) — The Afghan agreement signed Thursday stipulates not only a Soviet troop withdrawal but also the end to Afghan guerrilla bases in Pakistan.

The official text of the accord. signed by the Soviet Union, the United States. Pakistan and Afghanistan, stipulates that foreign troops must begin leaving on May 15.

It also stipulates non-interference and non-intervention in the affairs of Afghanistan and Pakistan, specifically requiring each country to prevent its territory from being used in any way to violate the other's territorial integrity.

Several Afghan guerrilla groups have well-armed bases in Pakistan, used to launch attacks on the Soviet and Afghan armies. Pakistan is also host to some three million refugees.

The agreement says Pakistan must prevent the presence or arming of any individuals for the purpose of creating subversion, disorder or unrest in Afgha-In a declaration on guarantees

by the superpowers, the United States and Soviet Union are committed to refrain from any form of interference and intervention in Afghanistan and Pakistan and to respect the commitments made by those two parties to the accord.

But they are not required to guarantee any other measures. Extracts from official text Following are some key extracts from the 36-page official English text:

The Republic of Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the high contracting parties... have agreed as follows:...

To respect the sovereignty, political independence, territorial integrity, national unity, security and non-alignment of the other high contracting party, as well as the national identity and cultural heritage of its people... To ensure that its territory is

not used in any manner which would violate the sovereignty, political independence, territorial integrity and national unity or disrupt the political, economic and social stability of the other high contracting party:

To refrain from armed intervention, subversion, military occupation or any other form of intervention and interference. overt or covert, directed at the other high contracting party... including acts of reprisal involving the use of force...

To prevent within its territory the presence, harbouring, in camps and bases or otherwise, organising, training, financing, equipping and arming of individuals and political, ethnic and any other groups for the purpose of creating subversion, disorder or unrest in the territory of the other high contracting party and accordingly also to prevent the use of mass media and transportation of arms, ammunition

The governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and of the United States of Ашепса... Undertake to invariably refrain

viduals and groups...

from any form of interference and intervention in the internal affairs of the Republic of Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and to respect the commitments contained in the bilateral agreement between the Republic of Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the principles of mutual relations, in particular on non-interference

and non-intervention: Urge all states to act likewise... The Republic of Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan... have agreed as fol-

All Afghan refugees temporarily present in the territory of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall be given the opportunity to return voluntarily to their homeland in accordance with the arrangements and conditions set out in the present agreement

The (agreements)... will enter into force on 15 May 1988. In accordance with the timeframe agreed upon between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of Afghanistan there will be a phased withdrawal of the foreign troops which will start on the date of entry into force mentioned above. One half of the troops will be withdrawn by 15 August 1988 and the withdrawal of all troops will be comand equipment by such indi- pleted within nine months.

clashed with Vietnam over the islands, near vital sea lanes and Picasso gets posthumous chance to Officials in Peking have said get back at critics of his last works bey expect to resolve the dispute

By Michela Wrong

PARIS — A Paris exhibition of Pablo Picasso's works has given the Spanish-born artist a posthumous chance to get his own back on critics who dismissed his last paintings as the senile dabblings of a sex-obsessed old man. Exhibited in the southern French town of Avignon first in 1970 and then in 1973, a month after the painter died at the age of 91, the works unleashed a storm

Many art lovers dismissed the paintings as sickly and self indulgent, the last desperate outpourings of a man terrified of his

approaching death. Special scorn was reserved for a series of explicit erotic etchings showing painters coupling with their models — some said the graphic drawings of genital organs showed an obsession with sex typical of an old man worried by his fading virility.

Now, 15 years after his death. "The Last Picasso," a massive collection of paintings, drawings and sculptures at the modernistic Pompidou Centre, invites a reassessment.

The exhibition, which is on show in the French capital until May 16 before moving to the Tate gallery in London in June, numbers 93 paintings, 33 drawings, 60 etchings and six sculptures.

Celebration and exploration

The display is a tribute to Picasso's phenomenal output in his later years as well as a fascinating record of his artistic and emotional development over his final quarter century.

The first paintings date from 1953, a traumatic turning point in Picasso's life, when his lover Francoise Gilot left him along with their two children, and he

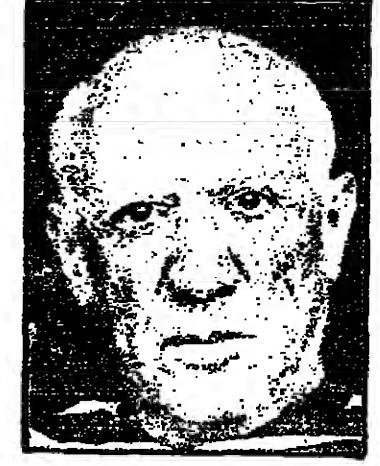
began to question his allegiance to the Communist Party. In the years that followed, Picasso to find a new domestic

She modelled for many of his later paintings The exhibition is both a

happiness after meeting and mar-

rying Jacqueline Roque, 44 years

celebration of the importance of sex as a source of inspiration and an exploration of the creative process itself - canvas after canvas show the artist confronting his naked model, paintbrush in hand.



Pablo Picasso

The relationship is carried to its logical conclusion in the controversial series of etchings. where the painter and model are intimately entwined as lovers.

There are also touches of deliberate vulgar humour - "The Pisser." painted in 1965, shows a woman lifting her skirts and crouching to relieve herself on a beach, while in "The Kiss," painted in 1969, two passionate lovers seem to be trying to swallow each others faces.

Coming to terms

But the more sombre underlying theme is Picasso's growing struggle to come to terms with his own mortality, as he saw old friends and artistic contemporaries dying around him.

The shocking "Self Portrait,"

drawn in 1972, shows the terrified

artist staring death in the face,

transfixed with horror. That vision seems to have haunted Picasso, spurring him to a frenetic surge of activity as he rushed to record his ideas and emotions on canvas in the little time that remained.

The signs of haste are there for all to see — the brushstrokes are crude and direct, the paint appears to have been literally slapped onto the canvasses, many of which look almost unfinished, without background or superfluous detail.

Picasso was always renowned for his energy. "There is never a Phoney' jealousy moment when you can say 'I have done a good day's work and REIMS, France (R) — A jealous commented on his work. But he seems to have surpassed

himself towards the end. Experts estimate that the octogenarian artist produced more than 1,000 paintings, drawings and prints in his five last years — a picture on average every two and a half days.

Reaction to the works has been more positive this time around. The influential Le Monde welcomed the vibrancy and energy of the exhibition and refused to be shocked by its erotic emphasis. Critic Genevieve Breerette, concluding her appreciation of

the show, said: "Twentieth century painting is born, lives and dies under the sign of the brothel. What fun.". The daily Liberation warned that to dismiss the show as the work of a jaded painter past his.

prime meant rejecting everything Picasso's paintings ever stood for. "Vitality or senility? — The decision is yours," it said.

Kids say the darnedest things

WASHINGTON (AP) - Vice-

President George Bush paid a visit to a government day care centre Thursday but was upstaged by a group of giggling toddlers repeating "Jesse Jackson" over and over. It happened as Bush was winding up his visit to a centre at the Labour Department and a reporter shouted out a question about the Democratic contender. Upon hearing Jackson's name, one child after another began repeating it. Soon, the entire class of about a dozen preschoolers was chanting "Jesse Jackson" in unison. Bush grinned, then responded: "I'm not going to get into the Democratic side of the equation, particularly in a day care centre." The kids provided a tough audience for Bush. One asked him, Are you the president?" "No, I'm the vice president," he said. Then he was asked if saw the president. Yes, Bush replied, he saw him just that morning. "Did you see the Easter Bunny?" he was asked. Yes. Bush said, at the recent White House Easter egg bunt. One child asked Bush if they should be afraid of him. "I've got 10 grandchildren." said Bush. "I wouldn't

Bus blitz

hurt a flea."

LONDON (R) — One of London's famous red double decker buses has been blamed for what firemen call the British capital's biggest peacetime evacuation. Tens of thousands of Londoners were moved out of the Oxford Street shopping district when widespread complaints of a smell of gas launched three hours of chaos Wednesday. In scenes reminiscent of the World War Two Blitz, streets were sealed off. causing traffic chaos, two underground railway stations were closed and armies of shoppers and tourists were ordered out of fashionable department stores. Extensive checks by gas engineers failed to reveal a leak. Then police said the smell could have come from a broken-down bus. "It is impossible to estimate numbers accurately, but we think it could have been the biggest evacuation in London since the (Second World) war," a fire brigade spokesman said.

Toad slime

cane toad, one of nature's ugliest little beasts, is being exploited for the hallucinogenic properties of its hide, but eating the poisonous skin has been likened to a game of Russian roulette. Police Inspector Syd Churchill told reporters Thursday that users boiled the amphibians to extract the slime which they then drank: "People taking it experience a trip similar to that resulting from LSD. It is by all accounts a very potent drug," said Churchill. But the warty, slimy skin of toad contains the poisonous drug bufotenine and has killed dogs, cats, snakes and wildlife in Queensland where it was introduced in 1935 to control sugar cane pests. "People have died from eating these toads in the Philippines and Fiji, and dogs, cats and snakes are always dying here," Queensland University zoologist Rob Endean said. Endean said the toads were just one of a long list of bizarre tropical goodies in the state that were boiled, smoked, ground or chewed by people with nothing better to do. "People have tried lots of things up here in the tropics. There are a lot of biologically active chemicals in the flora and fauna up here," Endean said.

CAIRNS, Australia (R) — The

mushrooms, toads."

"They will try anything - plants

French shop assistant pestered her rival with up to 4,000 anonymons telephone calls a day after being jilted by her lover, police said Wednesday. Police said 31year-old Catherine Pouleau, from Aisne in northern France, rangthe victim and her relatives 3,987 times in 10 days after her boyf-. riend deserted her. She will appear in court later, charged with harassment.

'Hot seat' banned

PARIS (R) - A "hot scar" capable of jolting aggressive taxi customers with a powerful electric shock has been banned by Paris police. Only a handful of the city's 14,000 cabs had been equipped with the devices, according to drivers' associations. Transport users' associations had said there was a risk of accidents in using the device, manufactured

in Israel and Brazil and under -police study since last October study since last October

Dalai Lama says he can compromise LONDON (AP) — The Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of Tibet's Buddhists, said Thursday there was nothing wrong in seeking a

enough support for a negotiated solution in Panama."

Arias: Panama sanctions won't work

WASHINGTON (R) — Costa Rican President Oscar Arias said

Thursday that U.S. economic sanctions imposed to oust Panama's

military strongman were hurting the Panamanian people and

called for a negotiated solution to the crisis. "If you want to

punish Noriega, economic sanctions are not the best answer,"

Arias said of U.S. efforts to topple General Manuel Antonio

Noriega. The Costa Rican leader, whose nation shares its

southern border with Panama, spoke at a meeting of the

American Society of Newspaper Editors. He won the 1987 Nobel

Peace Prize for authoring a Central American peace plan seeking

to end guerrilla wars in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala.

"You are punishing the Panamanian people, not General

Noriega," said Arias, on a two-day visit to the United States. "We

need to reach a negotiated solution to the crisis. There is not

compromise with China over Tibetan independence. "China as a government will never give up Tibet... (so) I feel there is nothing wrong in trying to negotiate some middle way," the Dalai Lama said at a news conference at the end of a 12-day visit to Britain. The Dalai Lama, who was heading back to exile in north India, reiterated his rejection of recent Chinese invitations to return home providing he renounces Tibetan claims to independence. He said the overtures were "nothing new."

Bomb explodes close to Botha

JOHANNESBURG (R) — A bomb in flower box exploded outside Johannesburg City Hall Thursday about two blocks from where South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha was meeting friends. Police said nobody was injured in the blast which smashed windows in the city centre building near the end of the evening rush hour. Botha visited the scene and told reporters: "This is not the way to resolve problems... this will not have any influence on the South African government whatsoever." The minister, who said he was in a private meeting with friends about two blocks from city hall when he heard the blast at 6.20 p.m. (1620 GMT), said the explosion was not extraordinary or abnormal. "You have had far worse explosions in Europe," he

Duarte calls for Sapoa-style accord

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Salvadorean President Jose Napoleon Duarte said Thursday his government was willing to negotiate with the country's leftist guerrillas if the rebels first agreed to a Nicaragua-style ceasefire accord. Duarte told reporters the government was open to talks with the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) rebels provided they were willing to sign an accord similar to the one hammered out by Nicaragua's Sandinista government and contra rebels in the town of Sapoa last month. "If the Farabundo Marti Front guerrillas are prepared to agree to the same accords signed by the contras and the Sandinistas... we are prepared to dialogue," he said.